

or high-heeled shoes, shall incur the penalty of the law now in force against witchcraft and other misdemeanours; and marriage under such circumstances, upon conviction of the offending parties, shall be null and void."

It would be rather amusing if such a law were in force to-day. I wonder how the poor man would prove that he had been "betrayed into matrimony."

LIKE John Leech, whose genius so many decades ago found expression in his wonderful drawings in "Punch," I move from street to street, from pillar to post, to seek peace and ensue it, and wonder if some day I shall give up the ghost without succeeding in my quest, as did the famous artist. Like other rolling stones, fate compels me to spend my days in the not always ideal "homes away from home," yecept apartment houses, where from early morn to dewy eve jollity of the loud variety is rampant, and the scourge of the gramophone abroad in the land. "Canned" music, which can be so great a delight, so happy an exploitation of the finest in music, is employed in its most virulent form to torture nerves of inoffensive dwellers in surrounding flats. What is the mentality of those for whom music and mirth are but synonyms for loud laughter, weird screeches produced by blaring instruments, reiterative and un-rhythmic phrasing, see-sawings of sounds and maddening monotony. Never a reversion to lovely Irish or Scottish ballad, gay tinkle of madrigal and swing of old-time dance, Chopin prelude or song of Schubert, all of them as easy to procure and inexpensive as the horrors insisted upon. Verily the musical gods of idolatory of apparently two-thirds of our fellow-countrymen are symbols of "sound and fury, signifying nothing."—Ariadne.

FROM Vienna comes the latest novelty in finger-nail enamel for evening wear with the fashionable all-black or all-white evening frocks. This is a varnish that gives the exotic effect of a black pearl to the finger nail. Needless to say, it has to be applied with such extreme care that the beauty specialist makes an extra charge. For daytime, coral pink is the favoured shade of enamel.

STRANGE as it may sound, there is still a civilised country in the world where girls do not drink cocktails nor have their eyebrows plucked! And these girls are pretty; even more, they are extremely beautiful, and have little use for either powder puff or lip-

stick. They are Jugo-Slavians, and prefer Turkish coffee accompanied by a spoonful of jam to any cocktail. They have a great national industry in embroidery, which is fast dying out on account of the costliness of its production, and also on account of the time and patience involved. Jugo-Slavian women are organising themselves very efficiently, and quite a number of mar-

Being but Men

*Being but men, not gods, we'll need
take pride
In all that gives the lie to mean
estate;
All moments borne beyond the com-
mon tide,
All littleness of heart made briefly
great;
All beauty vouched with sudden
indrawn breath,
A word, a turn of head, a lovely
look,
A gesture grave, a phrase defying
death,
Or a chance sentence in an un-
sought book.*

—MONK GIBBON.

ried women go to business, but they have greater wisdom than some women we know—they have retained their womanliness.

MANY people often ask how it is that the Duchess of York is such a practical and efficient housekeeper when she could not have had any experience before her marriage (says a London paper). In this they are wrong, for the Duchess had more experience in keeping house and acting as hostess before her marriage than falls to the lot of most young girls.

During the war, when Glamis Castle was turned into a hospital, the Lady Elizabeth—as she was then—was too young to do any of the actual nursing, but she was not too young to make herself useful all round, and when everyone was busy, including her mother and elder sister, Lady Elizabeth would peel potatoes and make batches of cakes and help look after the linen. The rock cakes which the young Lady Elizabeth made during the war remained long in the memories of some of the men who ate them at Glamis. Some time ago a well-known New Zealander had the honour of having tea with the Duke and Duchess at 145 Piccadilly. Little Princess Elizabeth was brought in, and with childlike simplicity, pointing to a plate of small cakes, remarked: "Mummie made them." The New Zealander, turning to the Duchess, said quietly: "My brother has never forgotten your cakes at Glamis—he always said that they were the best he ever tasted, and now I agree with him."

WHEN removing grease spots on clothes with benzine or petrol, surround the spot with a ring of french chalk. This will prevent the grease or the cleanser spreading to the unmarked part and leaving an ugly stain, as often happens.

Carillonist Returns

Pioneer Club's Welcome

WITH high heaped laurels, won by talent, hard work and the will to succeed, Miss Gladys Watkins returns to her own land, and has been accorded warm welcome by her fellow-countrymen who have followed, with sympathy and admiration, her upward and onward progress on that path to success which so often is "uphill all the way." At the reception tendered to the gifted carillonist at the Pioneer Club, many representative women were present, and the beautiful rooms of the club appeared to advantage with silken hangings, admirable lighting, and massing of gorgeous godetia and gladioli. In her short address regarding her studies abroad, garbed in graceful draperies of honey-coloured lace that enhanced the slim grace of the wearer, Miss Watkins spoke with



MISS GLADYS WATKINS.

attractively modulated voice and sincerity of expression, allied with a whimsical humour, and was followed with rapt attention as she told of interesting factors in the playing of a carillon. Three essentials are. Knowledge of music, good hands, good feet, AND NO CORNS! For true appreciation of the music of bells, it would seem "so near and yet so far" is an excellent motto, and, as important here as elsewhere, the listening ear and the understanding heart are essential. "Never go so close that the overtones are distracting," Miss Watkins told us, "but be far enough away to be aware of the delicate nuances of the music. I think you will like carillon music, but for real delight in them the bells must be listened to in the right way." It is good to realise that very soon the Bells of Remembrance will peal over the city, and that "Ring out bell, to the wild sky" is no longer for us a Tennysonian phrase, but the prelude to musical consummation achieved by the spell of Miss Watkins' wizardry.—H.V.L.

PATENT leather shoes will not crack if they are cleaned with shoe polish to which an equal quantity of olive oil is added. This gives them a more brilliant shine than if shoe polish alone is used.

Household Wrinkles

INTO a wood-pulp bowl—to save scratching the silver—put one tablespoonful of a reliable dry soap and one tablespoonful of common whiting. Pour over this two quarts of boiling water. Put in the silver, leave for a few minutes, and wash with a soft mop. Take out a few articles at a time and dry immediately with soft cloth.

CURTAIN pins and hooks are often thrown away when they become black. Try boiling them for a few minutes in half a cupful of vinegar and the same quantity of water. Rinse afterwards in cold water, rub dry with a clean duster, and they will look like new.

POTATOES will mash much nicer if you beat them up with a very small pinch of baking-powder. When they are really light and fluffy they are twice as attractive; don't add milk or butter in the mistaken notion that you are "mashing" them, because you are "creaming" them; an entirely different thing! The latter are for dishes minus sauce or gravy; the former can be served with either.

NEVER wear new walking shoes until they have been well polished. If possible have this done in the shop where you purchase the shoes. It is worth a ten minutes' wait to have the job done well, and it is the first polish that counts and adds to the life and appearance of your shoes. Any mark you get on them subsequently will not stain the leather as it would do if you wore them for the first time unpolished. This is a tip straight from a shoe-maker's mouth.

BEFORE washing hair brushes that have ebony or any kind of wooden backs, rub the backs over with a little salad oil or vaseline. This will prevent them getting wet and preserve the polish. After the brushes are dry rub off the oil with a soft duster.

COSTLY ornaments and flower vases can be saved from the risk of being overturned and smashed at the slightest touch by partly filling them with sand, which will help to weight them.

AMBER necklaces and ornaments can be cleaned by washing them in a solution of soap flakes and warm water. After polishing them, give them a final rub with a piece of cloth that has been dipped in olive oil.

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