

TAKE CARE OF THE HAIR.

MORE PAINS WITH THE TRETTSES THAN EVER.

Night Caps are Recommended For This Purpose, and Silk Ones at That.—Different Styles for Arranging the Hair.—New and Old Fashioned Ways.

What a wonderful amount of attention we give our tresses of late! Almost every woman we meet has a plan of her own for caring for her locks, which she will give you in minutest detail and implore you to follow. Almost every periodical we pick up has a note in the woman's column on "How to Treat the Hair," and it seems as if a genuine reaction has set in. Last season and the season before and the one before that we ruthlessly and recklessly curled and waved our hair to the greatest possible extent. The front, the back and the sides of our head all presented a beautiful crinkly appearance that was most dear to our hearts. Any little stray pieces we could discover were subjected to the same process—the heated iron was produced, and the lock wound firmly around it until it lost all vestige of its original appearance. And we pursued our mad course until one

seems to be great laxity this season in the regulations regarding style. There is not, as so often, one fashion that every woman follows, be it becoming or not. Women wear their hair high, or in the middle of the head, as they are disposed. The neck coils seem to have departed this life completely.

The Empire is pretty and popular. Gather your hair together at the crown of the head and fasten it. Put a small fillet around the fastening. Then dispose of the ends in puffs and coils, keeping all closely together. Of course this is difficult where one is favored with luxuriant locks, but it is very convenient for short, thin ones, that do scarcely more than meet when gathered together.

Or the hair can be gathered in the same way and then disposed of in three thick thick loops, the top one very large and reaching up well on the top of the head, the others falling down toward the back; then the ends are made into two big loops below the others and a pin stuck through the whole.

Braids are very popular indeed, and may be arranged in almost any way one please so long as they don't get too near the neck.



PRETTY EVENING COIFFURES.

fine morning, when we awoke to the fact that our wavy locks were falling away; that it would not be long before they utterly disappeared if we did not soon call a halt. Instead of getting longer, our tresses were really, in some strange mysterious fashion, growing shorter. It didn't seem possible at first, but actual measurement proved it to be a fact.

Then came the resolve, which has been so steadily adhered to ever since. We determined to renounce our curls forever, and strive after the smooth, glossy, satiny appearance of the hair of our grandmothers. The curling irons were pushed aside in utter contempt, and a stiff brush was brought out from its long retirement. Every one told us to brush; and brush we did, and brush we do still, and brush we shall until that gloss appears. When it comes we'll brush to keep it there. Then, of course, we use all the washes and the dry rubbings as well, to help on the good work.

There's another factor in the operation, and no mean one, I assure you. A night-cap, girls, is the very thing we want. Don't

It is well to start all arrangements by gathering together or twisting the hair at the top of the head. Then you are free to go ahead.

If you have a great deal of hair, a pretty way to fix it is to divide it, after fastening, into two. Then braid each half into a loose braid of four strands and lay it around your head in such a manner that it will be quite broad and high on top, gradually sloping in and narrowing as it gets down the back.

Ah, but there's nothing prettier than the smooth, shiny hair parted in the middle of the head, combed down over the brows, and then brought around to the back. If it is becoming to you, by all means adopt it. If it is not, be wise and let alone. Here one is allowed more latitude. For the hair may be gathered quite low at the back and may be waved a very little at the side. If there is any natural wave in your hair then let the little locks cluster about your ears, and there's nothing more bewitching than this mode of arranging.

If you are very young you may wear

Or you may coil your hair at the back, rather high, and then cover the top of the head with a low, spreading mass of flowers. Plumes are very becoming, standing a little to one side of a high coiffure. But in



AIGRETTES, FLOWERS AND FILLETS.

coiffures, as in almost everything this winter, one may suit herself to a large extent, using any or a number of ornamentations to make up the lovely effects. But if you draw your hair back from your forehead, be careful when you fasten it to see that it is not tight, for a soft, loose effect is particularly desirable. EVA A. SCHUBERT.

Two or More Servants in a Family.

The round of duties for the week having been thus outlined, I wish to make a few suggestions to the woman who keeps two or more servants. The duties must be so divided that each shall bear her proper proportion of the work. In the case where there are several servants, there is greater ceremony in the mode of living. Suppose there be two servants, and the family be fairly large. The second girl must do all the upstairs work, take care of the parlors, halls, dining-room, china closet, etc. It will be her duty to care for the silver, glass, and fine china. Every evening after the dining-room work is finished, she will go to the chambers, empty all slops, refill the water pitchers, turn back the bed clothes, and lay the night garments on the bed. She will draw the shades and see that there is a stock of matches, towels, etc. In the morning she will attend to the dining-room put the breakfast dishes on to heat, dust the lower halls and parlors, and sweep the steps and sidewalk. The cook will care for all the lower part of the house, her own room, the cellar and the back steps and stoop. The washing and ironing must be divided between them. It is usual to have the cook do the plain washing and ironing, while the second girl takes the starched clothes. If, however, the second girl be required to do plain sewing, the cook does the heavier part of the washing. In the matter of the duties of a servant each housekeeper must make her own laws, but the more servants there are the more clearly must each one's responsibility be defined, and the mistress will save herself an immense amount of annoyance if she will take pains to divide the work of the household with good judgement and with justice, not allowing any dictation in the matter. She should not be hasty in reaching a conclusion, but should be firm in her decisions.—Exchange.

Be Businesslike With Servants.

I always pay their wages promptly, never making it necessary for them to ask me for money, and I pay them cheerfully, making them feel that I do not chafe them for their earnings. When employing a new servant I fix her wages at a certain price per week, because that establishes the necessary length of time of notice of change that each of us shall require. Should a servant choose to leave suddenly without notice, she would forfeit her pay for the unserved time, and should I discharge her without notice I should pay her unserved week to her. I then inquire how frequently she would like her wages, and have found that usually they prefer monthly payments, but I pay as they desire. Then I keep each one's account in a little book which I show at each payment, so that there is never any confusion as to the amount due or the time of the last payment. When away from home, if I leave my house in their care, I pay full wages, because responsible care reserves payment as well as manual labor. If I close my house but wish to retain their services for future re-opening, I make a definite bargain with them to that effect. It seems very easy to make a promise to do "what is right" by another, but the idea of what is right often varies widely between the standpoint of mistress and maid, and a clear understanding on both sides is the only correct way to plan. The business of payments between housekeeper and servants should be as well understood, and is sharply held to, as between a merchant and his clerks. I am convinced that irregular and long-delayed payments of wages are among the most frequent of the causes of dissatisfaction, and can be most easily prevented by the housekeeper. Ladies Home Journal.

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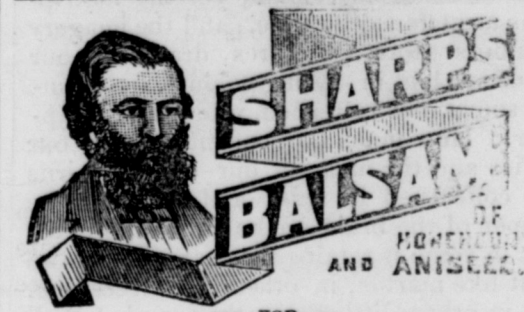
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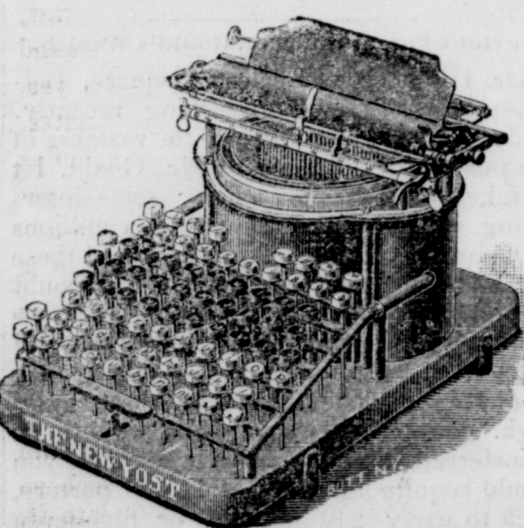
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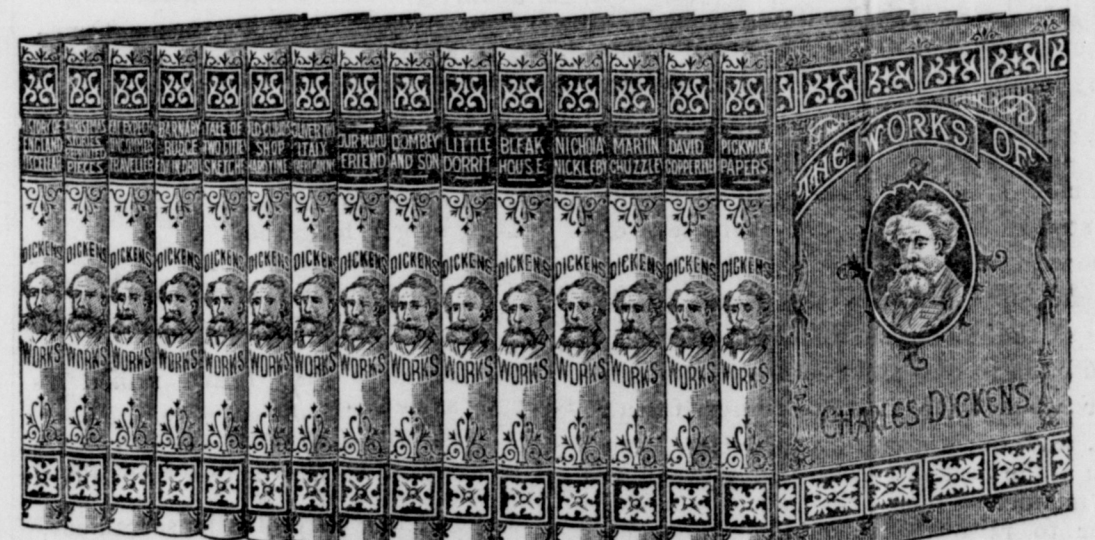
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