

STRINGING PEARLS

A Difficult Task That Calls For Skill and Judgment.

CORDED ON SURGEON'S SILK.

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Every now and then a story is printed about the loss of a valuable string of pearls through the breaking of the cord on which they were hung and their slipping off and scattering over the floor or sidewalk. Those who know anything about the stringing of pearls, however, always read these tales with incredulity, because nowadays, as a general thing, only false pearls or those of small price are strung without a knot being tied between each of them, so that if the cord breaks no more than one can fall off.

It is common belief that because of their great value pearls are strung on something durable, like catgut or wire. As a matter of fact such material is never employed. There is no beauty to a string of pearls that looks wiry or stiff. It must be flexible to the highest degree, otherwise all its graceful effect will be lost. Up to the time of the introduction of surgeon's silk for pearl stringing nothing had been found that would absolutely meet the requirements of strength and flexibility.

That the most valuable pearls are today strung on cords of surgeon's silk is due to the suggestion of a woman employee of a New York jewelry house.

Surgeon's silk—the thread that is used for sewing up cuts and wounds—is a soft, round strand of pure white silk which is woven, not twisted. The weave, when viewed under a magnifying glass, closely resembles that of the silk braid and is capable of only a small degree of expansion. This thread is produced in several diameters or grades, which makes it all the more desirable for pearl stringing. These are numbered instead of being lettered like ordinary sewing silk and are wound on small cards like darning cotton.

When the young woman's idea was first adopted it seemed as though it would prove impracticable owing to the quantity of surgeon's silk manufactured being insufficient to meet the new demands from the jewelers. It was also very expensive. But the idea was such a good one and the surgeon's silk was so much superior to anything ever tried before that in time it was found possible to secure it in sufficient quantities and at wholesale prices.

The principal safeguard against loss, however, is in the method of stringing. An intricate system of knotting the thread between each pearl is employed. This prevents the escape of more than one jewel should the thread break. This knotting is done with tweezers and is a task that requires great skill. There must be no ungrateful gaps between the knots and the pearls, and the whole when finished must be immaculate in its whiteness. The tiny knots instead of detracting from the beauty of the necklace enhance it, for they look like seed pearls alternating with the larger ones. Knotting strengthens the necklace also and is often resorted to for that purpose.

When a strand of a certain length is desired and the number of large pearls is not sufficient imitation pearls of the exact size and color are often substituted. Some of these imitations will deceive the eye of any but the most expert.

It often happens that the largest pearls have the smallest holes drilled through them, for every grain that is taken from the pearl reduces it in weight. In such cases, however, the risk of the cord breaking is increased owing to the slenderness of the thread and the sharp edges of the pearls cutting through it quickly.

Stringing pearls is never done with a needle. A needle is not yielding enough to pass through very small holes, and the doubling of its diameter at the eye makes its use impracticable. Therefore the end of the thread is sharpened to a very fine point, which is waxed stiffly enough to be used exactly as a needle would be.

Ordinarily pearl stringing is mechanically difficult and also requires taste and judgment. The pearls may have to be rearranged in order to improve their general appearance. In the laying out of collars especially a great deal of skill is required. In the first place, the collars must fit exactly. This seems comparatively easy, but it is not. A pattern is always fitted beforehand, but it is rarely the case that the result is satisfactory the first time. Some necks require straight collars and others slightly curved. The same care is given to the fitting of a collar as to the set of an expensive gown, and it has to be tried on and changed and adjusted as many times.

Dividers are used to gauge the exact position in which the vertical diamond bars that support the strands of pearls should be placed. Endless care and judgment may be given to laying out the pattern for one of these bobbins and getting the measurements absolutely exact, but when it comes to be fitted there is sure to be trouble. It may be too tight at the bottom and too loose at the top, or perhaps the ends may not even meet at all—Thaddeus & Dayton in Chicago record.

Mrs. Frederick T. Dubois, wife of the former United States senator from Idaho, delivered the much talked of speech at the national mothers' congress recently held in Denver. In discussing the causes of unhappy marriages Mrs. Dubois said: "The fault lies with the men and women who enter marriage untrained for its responsibilities. This fault the mothers' congress is bound to efface by starting with the children and implanting in them ideas of unselfishness and regard for the rights of others."

COUNTY INSTITUTES

Trustees May Change Scheme of Monthly Teachers' Meetings.

DISCUSS SCHOOL OPENING

Township trustees of the county will consider the question of holding monthly county teachers' institutes instead of joint township institutes as has been the custom at their meeting on Thursday. This method meets with the approval of County Superintendent C. W. Jordan, as he believes better lecturers may be secured when a larger number of teachers will be present.

Some opposition to the method may develop from the teachers who are not remunerated by attending the institutes. They have to meet their expenses and in some cases this would be considerable.

The trustees will also make plans for the opening of the schools on September 12. George Paulin, trustee of Webster township will discuss concrete work.

HARD TO PLEASE
Regarding the Morning Cup.

"Oh how hard it was to part with coffee, but the continued trouble with constipation and belching was such that I finally brought myself to leave it off."

"Then the question was, what should we use for the morning drink? Tea was worse for us than coffee; chocolate and cocoa were soon tired of; milk was not liked very well, and hot water we could not endure."

"About two years ago we struck upon Postum and have never been without it since."

"We have seven children. Our baby now eighteen months old would not take milk, so we tried Postum and found she liked it and it agreed with her perfectly. She is today, and has been, one of the healthiest babies in the state."

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STRENUOUS MORNING

Col. Roosevelt Was Met at His Office by His "Anarchistic Friends."

LONG TALK WITH PINCHOT

(American News Service) New York, July 12.—Col. Roosevelt spent a busy time at the Outlook office today. Gifford Pinchot, former government forester, was one of the first to receive a greeting when the Colonel jumped out of his touring car. Turning to United States Marshal Stimson, of Los Angeles, who also was in waiting among a dozen others, Roosevelt slapped him on the back and remarked laughingly, "Here are my anarchistic friends," referring to the waiting delegations. Pinchot had a long talk with Roosevelt.

Later, Representative C. N. Fowler, of New Jersey, whom Speaker Cannon deposed from the house committee on banking, was with Roosevelt.

The object of Fowler's visit was supposed to be to discuss the Anti-Cannon movement in Congress. Fowler is a thoroughbred insurgent and one of Cannon's bitterest opponents. Speaker W. Wadsworth, of the New York state assembly, stole a march on Governor Hughes by unexpectedly calling on Roosevelt today. Although others had been waiting for hours, Wadsworth sent in his card and was ushered into Roosevelt's office in a jiffy, much to the surprise of everybody.

Not all of the spirits, about two thousand barrels a day, manufactured in the central Illinois district, become whisky. Japan takes thousands of barrels of spirits for the manufacture of smokeless powder and the United States government is a big customer for the same purpose. The old description of the "whisky that kills at forty rods" takes on a new application when the product is smokeless powder that kills at a mile or more.

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PETITION FOR GUARDIAN.

KERLIN CLAIMS DISMISSED.

Claims of Charles and Elmer Kerlin, husband and the decedent, who is serving a sentence in the Michigan City penitentiary for attempting to kill John D. Lancaster, had refused the claims of the Kerlins. Charles Kerlin had claimed \$98 was due him while Elmer Kerlin demanded \$10.

When Other Dainties Fail To

Tempt the Appetite

Then try ice cream!

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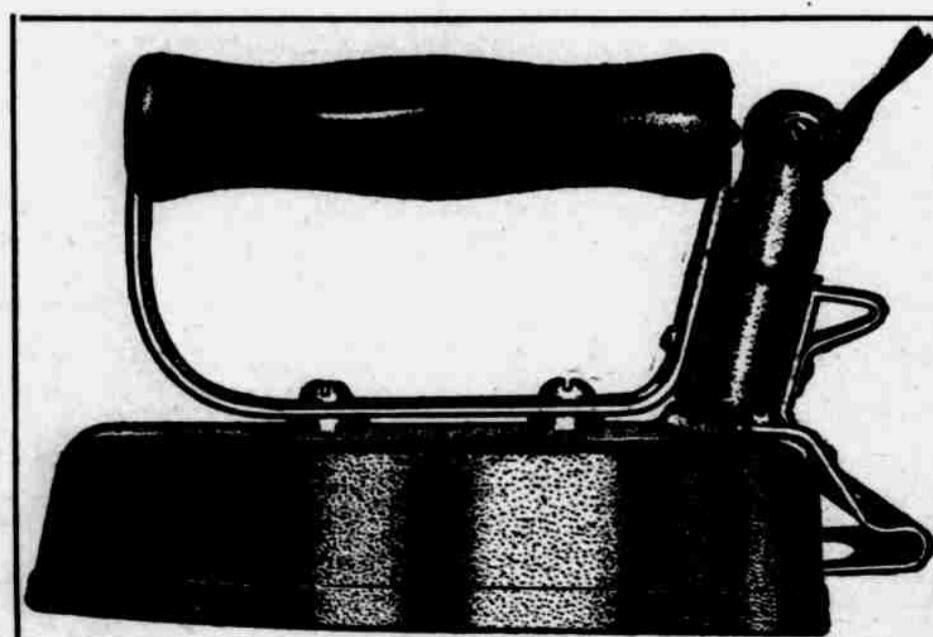
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