

Playing Cards as Cash
A fortune on a card had unique meaning for early residents of the historic French Canadian city of Montreal. In the latter part of the Eighteenth century real money was so scarce that playing cards were used as commercial tender, the signatures of three administrators of the French colony being inscribed on the back to make such "money" legal. The playing card money, together with a land transfer written on the back of a jack of hearts, is among the exhibits in the McCord National Museum of McGill university.

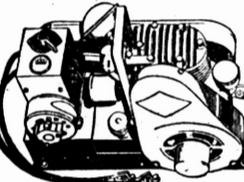
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Mancy Hart's HOME NEWS

If you are one of those high-tension persons who go to bed at night only to pitch and toss around until the once smooth sheets are twisted into wrinkled knots, here are some famous beauty specialists that are guaranteed to work wonders for insomniacs. Try these exercises and see if your tense body doesn't sink quickly and easily into sleep.

(1) Stretching in bed—Stretch arms above head, pulling first one arm up-up, then the other, stretch every muscle from the waistline. At the same time stretch the alternate leg downward, pulling first one leg down, then the other. In the exercise the pull should be felt from toes to finger-tips.

(2) Salaam in bed—Kneel on bed, with body upright, arms stretched upward, head relaxed backward. Drop back forward, head between arms on the bed, relaxing completely with the trunk folded back on the heels. Repeat several times.

(3) Rolling in bed—With arms at sides, body relaxed, knees slightly bent, roll over on one side, leading with the hips and following with the shoulders, until you are completely turned over and lying face down. Turn back and repeat to the other side and then to the other. The rolling should be done slowly and effortlessly with relaxed muscles that grow even more so as you roll. The clouds you'll be pushing for the next few hours won't need any muscular tension.

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New bath tablets that foam slightly when you put them in water are another grand little way of softening it. The tablets come in flower colors, are cut in the shape of a flower—and are perfumed to make the water smell like your favorite bloom.

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Those who feed birds during the winter and observe their sleeping habits are being invited to send summaries of their observations to the American Nature Association, Washington, D. C. The question of where winter birds roost at night generally has been unanswered by the ornithologists and the Association is interested in finding a solution to the problem.

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Honey as a substitute for sugar doesn't enjoy the popularity it deserves. Used in fruit salad dressing, or on baked ham, in making cinnamon toast or candied sweet potatoes, it adds a flavor peculiarly its own. It is also a good sweetener for pies, custards, puddings, and baked apples. Honey is one-fifth water, so if you use it in cake and quick bread recipes reduce your liquid content accordingly. Fruit cakes, cookies, candies, and steamed puddings will remain fresh longer if made with honey—a good point to remember.

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Even Joseph's famous coat would have been put to shame by the multi-colored heels on the new fall evening pumps. Many of the heels that click in the smartest night clubs and hotels are covered with exquisite brocaded fabrics and shimmering bits of silver and gold.

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Fashions for fall are going to have a decided influence on your make-up. The casual, almost mannish look produced by slouchy tweeds, sleek hair and bare fingernails is definitely out. You can't be casual when your

clothes are cut on slim princess lines when you are wearing rich velvets with old-world touches of lace, and when even your street dress fastens with a velvet bow. You have to live up to the romantic glamour that is the keynote of the styles for fall.

Complexions are going back to the pink and white standard, and hands will be strictly feminine. Swarthy skins and unpolished fingernails are both taboo. Newest polishes are the soft, elusive smoky shades, which are particularly good when they echo one of the tones in your frock. Raisin and autumn wine shades, for instance, call for polish with a faint hint of mauve or blue.

A smoky shade especially created to carry out the romantic mood is old rose. Its faint tinge of smoke-blues ties it in with all shades of blue, gray or wine. When you are wearing any of the warm copper and coffee browns, change to polish in rust. But not the rust to match your sun-tan. There is a new light rust with a soft golden undertone that is grand with all the gold touches that are going to accept many of the fall blacks and browns.

Your skin must have the texture of a gardenia to set off properly the autumn modes. Hands must be pampered with creams, and watched to see that the nails and cuticle are petal smooth. No slips in daintiness when you are a "slim princess in velvet!"

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Sometimes it is easier to change metals than to break habits. Because upholsterers insist on holding tacks in their mouths, many furniture manufacturers are using metal tacks to prevent rat and consequent staining of upholstery.

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"Open Pattern" plan is now being adapted to kitchen equipment. Experienced housewives have long known that, when buying china or flat silver, it is wise to choose an "open pattern" so that replacements and additions can be made. Recently this "open pattern" idea has been applied to kitchen equipment in the so-called "unit plan." Under this it is possible to purchase standardized metal cabinets which can be added to as needed or as the budget permits. Drawers or shelves provide convenient places for pots, pans, china, and other utensils and some of these are designed with metal working surfaces.

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New rubber gloves for working in water have a roughened palm and finger surface to prevent precious breakables from sliding thru soapy fingers. And another new idea in work gloves is of kidskin, cream-treated, so that they leave your hands softer than they found them. Any woman will appreciate their importance.

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Household Hint: After washing the piano keys and drying them with a soft cloth, rub over them with alcohol and they will remain spotless longer.

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"Do you like your teacher?" asked Auntie as Junior came home from school.
"I sure do," was the reply. "She's a blond."

CITY TAX NOTICE
The deadline for the payment of 1936 City and School Taxes, allowing 2 per cent cash discount, expires at the close of business October 31st, 1936. No discount will be allowed after this time. Pay your taxes now and save 2 per cent.
Wm. Gregory, Jr., Tax Collector.

Webster's Work on Dictionary
Noah Webster began work on his dictionary in 1807. He spent a year (1824-25) abroad, still working on it, in Paris and at the University of Cambridge, where he completed his work in 1825. The work came out in 1828 in two volumes, an edition of 2,500 copies. It contained 12,000 words and from 30,000 to 40,000 definitions that had not appeared in any earlier dictionary. An English edition soon followed. In 1840 the second edition, corrected and enlarged, came out, in two volumes. He completed the revision of an appendix a few days before his death, May 28, 1843.

Pearls for Decorations
Since the dawn of history, pearls have been a source of joy and wonder to the human race, writes La Place Bostwick in Nature Magazine. They were found in the tombs of the Egyptians; in the burial-places of some Indian tribes of the Southeast, and in the mounds of the mound builders. A thousand years ago they were used for decorative purposes in Japan, and large abalone pearls are found in images of Buddha made in the year 300.

Ancient Legends Account for Eclipse in Odd Ways

Whether or not we believe that an eclipse is a portent of evil, the ancient races invariably linked it with disaster. In mythology an evil dragon was said to be lurking in the heavens and that he made periodical attempts to swallow the sun or the moon. In the Norse legends the sun and the moon were driven across the heavens by charioteers, with huge wolves ever in pursuit. The ancient Greeks held that the sun must always be provided with a chariot and horses to keep it safe, and once a year a chariot and four horses were thrown into the sunlit sea as an offering.

Among many races, an eclipse of the sun signified that the giver of light and life had been caught by an evil monster. The only thing to save the sun from being devoured was to frighten away the monster by making noises. The Chinese used to chant choruses and bang gongs. In Greenland the natives climbed on to the roofs of their huts and banged kettles and pans to make as much noise as possible.

The oldest eclipse in history is believed to have been noted in China, 2158 B. C., relates a writer in Pearson's Weekly. Two mandarins who practiced astronomy were put to death by the Emperor for having failed to give due warning of the phenomenon. The eclipse of Nineveh in 763 B. C. is believed to have been foretold by the prophet Amos when he said: "And it shall come to pass in that day that I will cause the sun to go down at noon, and I will darken the Earth in the clear day."

Samuel Meredith, First U. S. Treasurer, Wealthy

Samuel Meredith was the first treasurer of the United States. Here is what a biographical encyclopedia says about him:

Samuel Meredith was among the first to espouse the cause of the Revolution, in which he served and suffered and acquitted himself with credit at the battles of Trenton and Princeton, and was one of those who enjoyed the confidence of Washington.

He served for a time in the legislature of Pennsylvania, was a delegate from that state to the Continental Congress in 1787-88, and on the organization of the federal government he was appointed by President Washington treasurer of the United States, continuing in that office until 1801, when he resigned.

He owned a large estate in Wayne county, and died at Belmont, his seat, in 1817. He and his brother-in-law, General Cymer, gave 10,000 pounds in silver to carry on the war. On being appointed treasurer of the United States he loaned the government \$25,000. His father also loaned large sums to the government to carry on the war.

A statue of Samuel Meredith by F. Barnicoat stands at Pleasant Mount, Pa.

The Presence of Beauty

Beauty is an all-pervading presence. It unfolds in the numberless flowers of the spring. It waves in the branches of the trees and the green blades of grass. It haunts the depths of the earth and sea, and gleams out in the hues of the shell and the precious stone. Not only these minute objects, but the ocean, the mountains, the clouds, the heavens, the stars, the rising and setting sun, all overflow with beauty. The universe is its temple, and those men who are alive to it cannot lift their eyes without feeling themselves encompassed with it on every side.

Giant Kites in Japan

Each summer in Japan numerous villages compete with one another in the making and flying of giant kites, some of which are 3,000 square feet in area, weigh half a ton, cost nearly \$1,000 and require 200 men to hold them steady while they are in the air. Sometimes even this number cannot hold one of them in a stiff wind and those who courageously hang on too long are carried up by it and fall to their deaths.—Collier's Weekly.

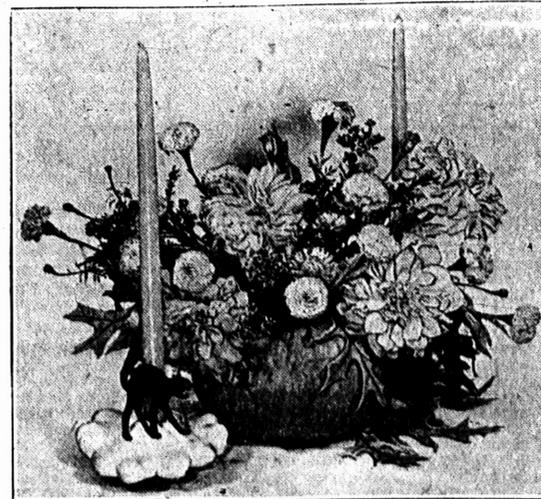
Tenacity of Purpose

Tenacity of purpose is characteristic of all men who have accomplished great things. They may lack their desirable traits, may have all sorts of peculiarities and weaknesses, but the quality of persistence, clear grit, is never absent from the man who does things. Drudgery can not disgust him, labor can not weary him, hardships can not discourage him; he will persist no matter what comes or goes, because persistence is part of his nature.

Ancient Rome's Tax Program

Imperial Rome of ancient days imposed a legacy tax of 5 per cent on sums over a certain amount left to other than near relatives. The introduction of this tax was partly due to the anxiety of Caesar Augustus to encourage matrimony. Only Roman citizens at first were subject to the inheritance tax until the whole empire was enfranchised to increase the revenue from this source.

Fall Flowers Make Colorful Halloween Decorations



Halloween decorations often determine the success of the party. This autumn festival gives wide scope for originality in decoration. Materials which have been traditional for centuries are still in favor and would indeed be difficult to improve upon.

What could be more attractive than pumpkins, cornstalks, autumn leaves, and other symbols of the harvest season which have been used for Halloween decorations since Americans began to observe it?

Decorations for the halloween party are called for all over the house, as the games of the evening may take guests from the basement to the attic. But the refreshment table will always be the high spot, and the popular hostess will make her table decorations as original and attractive as she possibly can. Here autumn flowers will be in harmony with the

harvest atmosphere, while introducing a note of refinement and daintiness which her guests will appreciate.

For the center of the table a novel centerpiece can easily be made with a pumpkin as the foundation. The top of the pumpkin is cut off as for making a jack-o-lantern but no holes are cut for the eyes and other features. Water is put into the pumpkin and brightly fall flowers are arranged loosely in it as if it were a large bowl. Dahlias, pompon chrysanthemums, marigolds or other bright orange and yellow flowers are excellent for this effect.

Unusual candle-holders may be made from small pumpkins or the low flat squashes with scalloped edges. Simply cut a hole in the top of each to receive an orange or black candle. Small cut-outs of Halloween cats or witches may be attached to add more interest.

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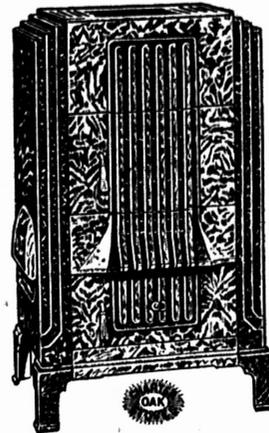
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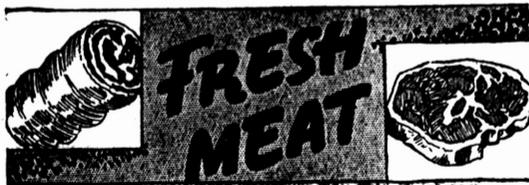
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