discussion of topics of general interest, and is called the Civitas.

If the Vassar girl is not born a scribbler she certainly is inspired to write when she becomes a student. The "Vassar Miscellany" is a notable, well-edited college journal, containing matter which would be called excellent by any just critic. Dramatic writing is much affected by the Vassar student. As trigonometry has been dropped down to the freshman year, the time-honored "Trig" ceremonies are no longer observed. In their place the sophomores substitute an original play, written and presented by members of the class.

It is gratifying to know that the number of students in this peculiarly symmetrical college for girls is every year increasing. This year the enrollment is five hundred and forty-two, of which one hundred and nineteen students are in the senior class. With these numbers the halls are more than well filled, and the trustees have found it necessary to provide additional dormitory space. They have leased a large house, formerly occupied as a school, one mile from the college, and here seventy students find a home. It is hoped that at no distant day a fine new dormitory may be erected on the grounds.

HELEN MARSHALL NORTH.



FURNISHING THE SUMMER HOME.

THE summer home is coming to occupy a most important place in the plans of a rapidly increasing army of families, for thoughtful people are waking to the immense influence this annual flitting has upon the general health. It is very widely recognized, now, that, not alone for the children, but also for the grown people, are freedom from town restraints and the advantages of an out-of-doors life of enormous value.

In the discussions of plans for these summer outings very many cunning methods of combining comfort and economy have been devised; and there is a remarkable concurrence in the opinion that one's own vine and roof-tree, be it nothing more than a modest log-cabin camp on the banks of a lake or in the mountains, affords vastly more comfort than any boarding-house or summer hotel. Experience has proved, also, that in some of the most delightful places, the quietest and most restful, it costs no more to rent a house for a whole season than to stay for a week or two at the huge caravansaries where gregarious humanity herds.

Naturally, woman's part in the making of these summer plans is a most important one, from their first inception to the success with which they are carried out. The happiness of the family depends upon the skill, ingenuity, and wise forethought of the home-maker, who, with her hand on the tiller, guides the craft through peaceful waters into havens of rest and delight; but if she be unfit for the trust she is carried by every unfavorable current into whirlpools of contention, unwise expenditure, and the embarrassment of inability to provide for needs. With the cunning born of a true appreciation of what she herself needs, as well as all her flock, the sensible woman will establish two beacon-lights by which to be guided: the choice of a house, cabin, abandoned farm, or tent, in a healthful locality where there is plenty of air and sunshine and pure water; and such a selection of furnishings for it as shall insure the utmost comfort with the least care and expense.

It is quite possible to have everything daintily bright and attractive, and even luxuriously comfortable, without employing any of the delicate and perishable things which add so much to a housekeeper's cares, and without great expense. The simpler the summer home is and all its arrangements, the easier it will be to run it with little labor, and the more time there will be for rest and the enjoyment of out-of-doors life. The change from town to country life should bring to every member of the family, and especially to the mother, as much freedom from care and as complete change from the daily routine as possible.

The hall in the summer home should be next in its inviting appearance to the broad piazza, which is in reality the most important part of the house. If there is not room for a parlor and large hall, combine the two in one as the living-room; it will be found much more enjoyable, giving a greater sense of spaciousness, better air, and lending itself readily to picturesque effects in furnishing. The multitude of small details, collections of various sorts, rare bric-à-brac, choice porcelains, etc., which have in recent years turned town houses into museums, should be studiously avoided; for not only is it a weariness to the flesh to take care of these things, but it is actually a strain upon mind and eyes to be confronted at every turn with a multiplicity of objects. Therefore a wise restraint should be exercised in the selection of everything of a purely decorative character. Every piece of furniture should be for use and comfort; you want no stiff, spindle-legged chairs, which invite one only to perch lest they fall beneath one's weight, nor stiff, upholstered chairs and tête-à-têtes which proclaim their ceremonious purpose.

The great, roomy hall should invite to restful ease, and there should be couches, divans, and lounging-chairs, with plenty of soft cushions wherever they can be placed, as well as low willow chairs by work and tea tables. If there can be but one open grate in the house let it be, by all means, in the hall, where a cheery fire on cool evenings and mornings will be most enjoyed, and whence the genial warmth will most easily pervade the whole house and dispel its dampness.

If the floors can be painted that is the next choice to a hardwood finish; but if neither of these is available it costs but a trifle to cover all the floors in a house with neat matting, and it can now be had in attractive patterns and colors which harmonize with any scheme of decoration. The walls can be kalsomined, painted, or papered, or

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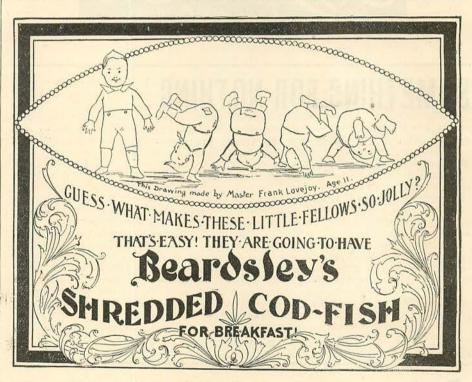
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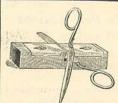
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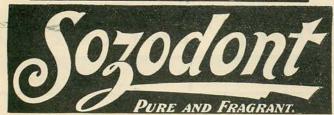
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and frieze of blue-and-white crêpe, a halfbreadth being used for the latter and the whole width for the former. Hemp rope is used for the dado and picture rails. A lovely morning-room has all the woodwork finished in bird's-egg blue; the walls are painted a soft blue-gray below a frieze of ivory chintz having a pattern of pink and blue morningglories trailing over it. The same chintz covers the divan and chair cushions, but the windows are draped with dotted Swiss muslin tied back by pink ribbons.

The cool deep blues and bronze greens have a most restful effect in a hall or livingroom with southern exposure, and the inexpensive Japanese jute rugs in softly blended blues and greens on brown and white grounds harmonize perfectly with such a scheme of decoration. If, however, the hall or living-room have a northern exposure, a warm Indian red with terra cotta, or yellow with rich warm browns, should be the choice. Yellow when properly toned and relieved with golden browns or bronze colors is especially effective, as it seems to flood a room with sunshine in itself. Denim can be bought in any of these colors for portières and couch and ottoman covers

It is well to remember that the draperies, curtains, and cushions of a summer house have more to do with its appearance than all else. Full curtains, if they are no more than cheese-cloth, do more to furnish a room than any other one thing; but you are no longer confined to cheese-cloth when economy must rule, for there is a host of pretty as well as cheap fabries from which to choose, and these inexpensive stuffs, snowflake, Madras, cotton crêpe, dotted muslin, etc., are always a better choice than cheap lace, for which a woman of taste finds no use whatever.

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India silks and silkolines, and here a love for brilliant color can be safely indulged, as all that is asked now is that the colors in a single group of pillows shall not fight one another. On the piazza, especially, brilliant colors are very effective for rugs, cushions, and hammocks; but beware of painting chairs, settees, and jars in staring reds, blues, and yellows. Cool browns, greens, and olives should be chosen for these. For the piazza there should be floor cushions, also, covered with the flexible Japanese matting, India grass-cloth, or Mozambique curtains, all of which will bear any amount of hard usage

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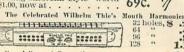
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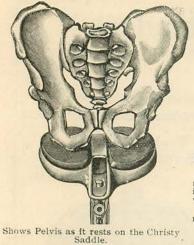


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