

WHAT EVERY WOMAN WANTS TO KNOW—THINGS THAT INTEREST MAID AND MATRON

ON WINNING A MAN'S HEART

Ellen Adair Criticises the Varied and Devious Methods Frequently Employed to the Above End.

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AN EGYPTIAN COSTUME. This costume is Egyptian. Silver, blue and lavender brocade of rich pattern forms the skirt. The tunic is of pink mauve charmeuse velled in blue chiffon. The insert is of white satin medallions. On these are hand-painted Egyptian figures. The bodice is of lavender chiffon, and there is a girde of lapis blue. Over the front of the gown there is a jeweled panel of abanthe green velvet. This extends under the tunic to the knees. At the end it has a long fringe of green, beige and gold. The headdress is an Egyptian wig. The slippers and stockings are lavender. This costume is worn in the play of "Sari."

COMPENSATION WHY NEW YORK GRADED HER MILK SUPPLY

A Mother Says—When I come in from a long morning's shopping laden with parcels, tired out in mind and body with the weary waiting in crowded stores, the trudge up and down dusty thoroughfares, and the strain of trying to make \$2.00 do the work of \$5.00, the rush of eager little feet to the door, and the glad cry of little voices—"Oh, mummy, we are glad you've come back!"—makes up for all my weariness.

Milady's Necklace

The smart woman has one bead necklace at least to harmonize or contrast with her gown. Beads are very popular just now, and one shop shows a great many black and white effects. The large pearl necklace coming almost to the knees is being worn. Another is of cut jet, breast length, with balls of filigree silver of the same size alternating. A very effective combination of black and white is with rhinestones. Large triangles of the jet are used, both dull and polished, having bizarre rhinestone centres and bold designs on the chains. The new importation is the bandeau of dainty black lace, lined with white net or chiffon. This is a substitute for the velvet worn so much last season. Pendants of rhinestone or cut jet are worn on these bandeaux and make a charming suggestion for the elderly woman.

Ideas in Idleness

You may send a boy to college, but you cannot make him think. It's a long lane that has no ash-barrel. A fool and his canoe are soon parted. Money is the fruit of all evil. The country paper makes the joke last longer. A sermon in time saves an oplate. "Tis only noble to be good." How history repeats itself! In the Stone Age, when a man was angry, he went out to find a club. Also in the Stone Age, women painted their faces, hung stones about their necks and wore little.

The Gushing Girl

"Oh, my dear, isn't your hat the sweetest thing!" And what a darling suit! Isn't it perfectly dear of you to come to see us. We think so much of you. Mother was just saying the other day that she hoped the stunning girl would come again. No, really! I hadn't meant to tell you, but it just slipped out. You just make me tell you things. You all know the type. She rushes excitedly into a roomful of girls and embraces each one tempestuously. You can always tell the gushy girl by the embrace. She makes everybody who she touches feel her candid and unvisited criticism.

Your Soiled Carpet

When a carpet is soiled and blacked, take a little fuller's earth, put it into a saucer, pour onto it a little cold water and a few drops of liquid ammonia. Mix the whole into a soft paste, rub it on the carpet, and let it thoroughly dry; then brush off with a stiff brush. The black liquid will then all be removed.

WOMAN OUTSIDE THE HOME

Around the Clubs. The weekly sewing class of the Equal Franchise Society will hold their regular meeting Thursday at the society's headquarters, 9th street above Chestnut. The sewing will begin at 8 o'clock and will continue until dark. The little aprons made by this class are very attractive. Plain white ones, light tan ones and fanciful colored ones, decorated with the "gingham dog and the calico cat," are only some of the varieties they offer. They have no equal suffrage slogans on them, so even those who are indifferent to the cause may buy them for gifts. The whole arrangement is on a practical basis; the garments is bought wholesale, and sold almost at cost.

To Clean Metallic Lace

A fine powder should be made of stale breadcrumbs and ordinary washing blue, which should be then rubbed into the lace (first laid over a clean cloth) with the finger tip till it becomes quite bright. Next take a piece of clean, soft old flannel and very lightly brush over the lace until all the crumbs are off. Finally rub the lace gently with a piece of soft crimson velvet, after which it is as bright and as good as when it was new. If it has got very much pulled out of shape do not attempt to press it right with a flat-iron. The best way is by cleaning, and gently and firmly pull the lace 'till shape so far as is possible. In the case of ornate points, they can be gently pulled out on the wad of linen.

WAYS OF MAKING PIN-MONEY

Again the stay-at-home girl turns to a way of making pin money. Like the taste of blood to the tiger of the desert is the habit of making her own spending money to the American girl. Once she begins she seldom gives it up, unless Dan Cupid catches her unaware. The great trouble is, some girls claim they never see a chance to begin. Chances for the girl with clever head and quick fingers are all about her. Every peculiar circumstance of her particular environment can be turned into money. For instance, a little shop in New England was originated by several clever girls. It is the simplest little place imaginable and wholly and artistically feminine. The girls sell all kinds of attractive articles in tinware and woodware. They make a specialty of interior decorations to match, and for very little will rearrange your rooms and furnish ideas for improving them. Pretty garden baskets, watering pots for the summer piazza, serving trays, tea set, tray cloths, candle chimes, etc., even art picture desk sets and fruit hampers are just some of the things these girls turn out. "But we're not artists! Learn to be! You can do what you are told to do. It does not necessarily mean originality. Take a course at some good school and don't consider failure. If these girls had, the fat checks they get at the end of each week would be conspicuously absent.

For the Coming Christmas

Have you seen the new initialed Turkish towels? They are very attractive indeed, and make a charming Christmas suggestion. The initial is made of French knots, in heavy mercerized cotton. Instead of being worked in the direct centre of the towel, it is placed at the extreme left, above the border. You can buy the alphabet, all ready to be stamped by pressing with a hat iron. This is especially useful for the woman with many friends, as a series of separate initials is very hard to get hold of. Some of the initials are done in the popular all-white, but the colored initial to match the border shows up the work better. The stores offer an almost unlimited variety of designs. The tan, unbleached towel worked in a little darker tan or blue cotton is especially attractive. Another towel comes with a border in blue, pink or lavender. This has a wreath in the centre, with a place for the initial, which can be done in white or color. There are some very stunning Bulgarian effects, with plaid border, and large stripes. These work up very nicely, and are a good suggestion for a man.

A Good Hint

In warming a steamed pudding, or in steaming a stale cake, put the article on a plate or a saucer, and place it on a stand in the steamer and you will be surprised to find how much lighter and more delicate the pudding will be than if a plate had been used. The moisture settles on and makes the pudding stodgy.

The Doting Mother

There is a woman who lives across the street who has two perfectly charming daughters. We have all acknowledged that they are charming, for she always claims so repeatedly. But people will get on the defensive when they hear a mother talk of nothing else! She sees her children as paragons, for a single while she chatters monotonously of their superior attractions that there may be other mothers in the room just as devoted, if not so eloquent. "I'm so sorry I was late, but I just had to wait to see Isabel! She has a new dress for the Engineers' dance. She looked perfectly beautiful. They said she was the prettiest girl in the room at the last dance. She has such a lovely complexion, and the boys fairly rave over her eyes," and so on, ad nauseam.

Across the Counter

The importation of foreign linen is still sufficient to the day, for English, Irish, Scotch and even German linens are still seen at normal prices. Scotch damask table cloths in attractive designs are now selling in the 75-inch width at \$1 a yard. Bleached table damask of Irish manufacture is sold for 75 cents a yard in a 62-inch width. At 50 cents a yard an excellent quality of Irish table linen is sold in a width that measures two yards. Another quality, somewhat finer, in the same width, costs \$2.50 a yard. Napkins that match this last-named grade of linen are sold for \$2.50 and \$3 a dozen. They are 20 by 24 inches square. Irish damask napkins, 22 by 22 inches, cost \$2.50 a dozen. Linen napkins of Scotch manufacture that measure 19 by 19 inches cost only \$1.50 a dozen. Towels, a good quality of German huck, are now selling for \$1.50 a dozen. Linen crash toweling is selling for 25 cents a yard and Turkish towels with hemmed ends can be bought for 25 cents a piece. Field blankets, the pretty block patterns in pink and blue, cost \$5 a pair. White blankets, with pink or blue borders, are sold for \$5 a pair; bound with a wide silk binding, for \$8 a pair. Pretty silk-lined-covered comfortable, a heavy weight, with a saten border, is sold for \$2.75. Down quilts, covered with steen and measuring 6 by 6 feet, can be bought for \$12. With a covering of a better quality, the prices are \$8 and \$10.

To Soften Brown Sugar

Brown sugar that has become lumpy from being kept any length of time may be softened in the following manner: Put the lumps in a pan, placing it over the heat to steam.

Hands and Feet

The great point in being warmly clad is to attend first to the warmth of the extremities. While the blood is passing through these small parts it is rapidly chilled unless the heat is shut in, and thus the covering of the legs and arms is really more important than the covering of the body. Chills on the hands were less common a generation ago than at the present time. The people of those days wore woolen cuffs instead of elbow sleeves, and thus they escaped the cold fingers which produce chilblains. We may not care to go back to the fashion of woolen cuffs, but we shall not look contemptuously out of fashion if all our business are made with long sleeves, and our shirt blouses fastened round the wrist with a band. Even then if there is any feeling of chilliness in the arms, we will wear long-sleeved under-bodies or woolen armlets. And if we have neither time nor money for making or buying the latter, we can make them from the leg parts of discarded stockings.

Household Hints

When washing windows put a few drops of turpentine in the water. They will dry much quicker and they will be clear and bright. When certain pins have been in use for some time they are apt to become rusty. To remedy this, let them stand for a few minutes in a cup of water, to which a little ammonia has been added. Then remove and rub well, and they will look like new again. A tiled floor should be wiped over with skimmed milk once a week after washing. It is a good plan to rub the tiles with a little linseed oil once in two months, and afterward polish them with a clean cloth. Have all scraps of toilet soap, weigh them, add a little water and dissolve in a soappan. Then stir in their weight of oatmeal, mix thoroughly, and pour into a tin to cool. Then cut into small cakes. A piece of bread tied in a bit of muslin and dropped into the water in which greens are boiling will absorb the unpleasant odor. Honey Gems—Use one-half cupful each of honey and sugar, one-half cupful of butter, one egg, one cupful of cold water, two teaspoonfuls of baking powder, two cupfuls of flour. Stir all together thoroughly and flavor with lemon or vanilla. Bake in a hot oven. What Cooking Greens. If a piece of bread tied in a bit of muslin is dropped into the water in which greens are being boiled, it will absorb the unpleasant odor.

When Making Rabbit Soup

When making rabbit soup never put salt in until all the blood is added and boiled for five minutes. If put in before the blood has come through the boiling, the soup will be thick and heavy. When the soup will look poor and watery instead of being of a rich, uniform thickness and color.

Coffee Stains

The most difficult of all stains to take out are those made by coffee. With care, however, the stain can be removed from the most delicate silk or woolen fabrics. Rub the mark gently with a little pure glycerine, then rinse it in lukewarm water, lay a cloth over the damp part on the wrong side and press with a cool iron until dry. Do not use more of the material than is absolutely necessary.

Cutting Hard-Boiled Eggs

When cutting hard-boiled eggs I find it very easy to dip the knife in water. They cut more smoothly.

WHY NEW YORK GRADED HER MILK SUPPLY

Hammer at a knotty problem long enough and you are sure to find the answer. New York city has been hammering for years at her milk problem, which was knotty enough to satisfy the most exacting taste in knots, and she has found an answer so good that it probably will be taken as a model for milk legislation throughout the whole United States. It is nothing more nor less than a system of grading and identification. Under the old regulations, no matter how conscientiously they were enforced, there were a thousands loopholes by which the unscrupulous dealer might escape responsibility. Under the new ones every quart of milk sold in New York city is plainly and fully labeled, the label bearing not only its grade, but the full name and address of the dairy from which it came and the dealer responsible for its sale. The grading is based entirely upon the number of bacteria in the milk itself. This is the only test that can be depended upon, for milk that is old, dirty or diseased is bound to reveal the fact under the test of bacterial examination. The dairies are inspected periodically and thoroughly and are required to keep up to a certain standard of sanitation for the last trace and stamp your fastidious name and address of the dairy from which it came and the dealer responsible for its sale. The grading is based entirely upon the number of bacteria in the milk itself. This is the only test that can be depended upon, for milk that is old, dirty or diseased is bound to reveal the fact under the test of bacterial examination. The dairies are inspected periodically and thoroughly and are required to keep up to a certain standard of sanitation for the last trace and stamp your fastidious name and address of the dairy from which it came and the dealer responsible for its sale.

Woman, Lovely Woman

The days of tight lacing and its attendant agonies have gone by—enter the era of comfort! Do you remember when the low collar was looked down upon? And when you prided yourself on a wasp-like waist? And, lastly, do you remember when you waited impatiently for some one to hook you up? As the practical and lasting remedy for all these evils, let us sing the praises of the fashions. The V-shaped collar is no other than a goddess. We look back upon the hours spent in patiently clamping those ghastly smiles of beauty, collar-bone to the impossible "choker" with regret. And are not our necks all the better for the change? After all, nature knows best what things are good for her children, and the low natural collar line must be one of them. The natural waist line is another benefit to poor suffering femininity. The fixed, ghastly smile of the dancer with tight slippers on is a gleeful grin compared to the woman who is all "pulled in." Long live the 26-inch waist! A woman is the inventor of the snap fastener. Her invention may be forgotten, but her invention, never! The button-down-front costume is another first aid to quick dressing. You can race madly for the last train and snap your fastenings on the way—a very safe proceeding when you can see what you are doing. With all these practical helps to good looks, and more important still, comfort, there is no excuse for the modern woman to wear the ancient, agonized expression.



HOME-MADE HAT FOR A LITTLE GIRL. The above charming little hat can very easily be made at home. Fashioned in some of the newer shades of soft velvet, it is exquisite.

THE MISCHIEF-MAKING GIRL

"I just ran in to congratulate you, my dear! I read your engagement in last evening's paper. Bob's such a dear! I used to know him real well once. We ran around together for a year or so, but I was engaged to Billy at the time and he was so jealous! But I know you and Bob will be happy. We used to get along beautifully." And with this encouraging finish to the song of her conquests our pretty little Dora skips across the street. Dora is a harmless, even brainless, little thing; but she leaves behind her a heart saddened by her chatter. The little bride-to-be is unhappy. What if Bob really is a trifle? What if he really did have a bad case on Dora and only loved her out of pique? Worse still, what if his love is only a passing whim? These questions cast a shadow over two innocent people, and cause a misunderstanding, or even two broken hearts. And all because a foolish little girl has not learned to tell the vast difference between a man's attentions and his love. Dora is the kind of girl who leaves a path of broken hearts behind her. The great majority of them are masculine hearts, some easily mended, perhaps, and a few are feminine hearts. For Dora glories in "stealing" a man. The more devoted the man is to Dora's friend, the more glory when his affections are transferred. Engaged men are her legitimate prey. She seeks them out, and deliberately plans within her pretty head to take them away. The man who can be so easily won over is doubtless better lost, but that doesn't spare the girl he leaves behind him! Dora always makes a point of telling the girl who goes with one man that she has discarded him. The truth of the matter may have been that he took her out occasionally, and that was all. One cannot blame man for being attracted by a pretty face, a charming manner and a dainty, fashionable exterior. Even girls admire these things, why not a man? Dora has the men all dancing attendance on her for a time. "The gap between 'dancing attendance' and 'true love' is bridged by Dora's imagination. Don't blame the man, just because he is a man. They are not so lacking in insight as you would be led to suppose. So don't worry if your Harry or Joe wanders in Dora's wake. He'll come back chastened, and, perhaps, shorn of his illusions!

Apples Baked

Take six apples, one white of egg, brown sugar, jam or jelly. Pare and core the apples, keeping them whole; roll up an apple paring tightly and place it in the centre of each apple. Brush over with white of egg and put aside until it dries; then recoat, sprinkle with brown sugar. Put the apples in a pie dish, cover with a greased paper and bake in a slow oven until tender. Be careful not to overcook, or they may break. When done remove the apple paring and fill the cavity with blackberry or black currant jelly, blackberry or raspberry jam, or whatever may be preferred; a small piece of butter and some brown sugar is also very tasty.

Butter Frosting

One cup of powdered sugar creamed with one tablespoonful of butter, soft but not melted; then add two tablespoonfuls of milk, one-half teaspoonful of vanilla, and beat with a fork until thick.

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