

WOMEN UNPATRIOTIC? "DARE TO PROVE IT," SAYS M'LISS

She Suggests That the Sex Get in Back of the "Patriotism Day" Project and Shove for All They Are Worth

PATRIOTISM, we have been told time and time again, is peculiarly a masculine virtue. Indeed, not so very long ago I read a highly interesting tract by an individual of militaristic tendencies, which purported to prove that there was something in the feminine composition inimical to a devotion on the part of women to the welfare of their country.

It was held that a certain pettiness in our make-up blinds us to large issues; that our affections have a personal and selfish basis, and that the lives of our fathers, our husbands and our sons are infinitely more precious to us than the life of our country.

On what these gentlemen predicate their interesting beliefs, I do not know. Certainly there is nothing in history from which they can draw their inglorious conclusions. Joan of Arc, Barbara Fritchie, Molly Pitcher and Edith Cavell, the English nurse, whose recent death at the hands of her country's enemy gave the world pause, are but a few of the examples of sublime patriotism that women furnish.

But, of course, it is not the isolated instances which best exemplify women's capacity for a patriotic feeling. The example set by the millions of French, Belgian, German and English women of today; the examples set by the American women who fifty years ago buckled on the armor of their menfolk and endured inconceivable privation, hardship and outrage, while ideals were being fought for, and the nation was soaked in blood, constitute the real proofs.

Women have always been patriots. They are today. If any doubt remains, consult the enrolment of the Preparedness League and see the thousands upon thousands of names of women who have signified their intention to give their utmost—even to shouldering arms and going on the battlefield—should their country call.

Even that sentimental ballad—probably the most unpatriotic outburst ever written—"I did not raise my boy to be a soldier"—did not emanate, unless I greatly err, from the brain of the so-called "unpatriotic sex."

Just at present this city is in a fair way of being chosen the scene for a stupendous display of what might be termed the national virtue. The advertising men of the world, who will convene here in June, are discussing the question of setting aside a day to be termed "Patriotism Day." Let the women grasp this opportunity to demonstrate whether or not they are inimical to the welfare of their country. Let them show that they have not confused patriotism with militarism. Woman's subtle influence is held to be of tremendous value. Let's use it and make "Patriotism Day" a certainty.

Scarcely Believable

The scene is in an Overbrook home, where evidences of affluence abound. A juvenile party is in progress. A 10-year-old boy, whom I shall call Harold, because that isn't his real name, and this is a real, true story, approaches a little girl of 8. She is adorably frocked, and looks like a bit of Dresden china.

Says Harold, accusingly: "You naughty girl, you've got rouge on your face again."

Says the naughty little girl with sophistication: "Well, what was I to do? Anna's nurse told mine that she was going to wear it, and my nurse didn't want me to look a sight. So there?"

Gentle reader, this sounds farfetched, but on my really, rightly word of honor there were Main Line tots at that party with their baby cheeks tinted. And their own nurses did it.

Letters to the Editor of the Woman's Page

Address all communications to M'LISS, care of the Evening Ledger. Write on one side of the paper only.

Dear M'LISS—We sometimes see on Chestnut street "sandwich men" (so called) with advertisements swinging fore and aft from their necks. We also see women advertisers whose advertisements in their faces vividly gotten up.

The youth who powdered in church mentioned in your article, may be a "swifty boy," but why isn't a "make-up" just as reprehensible in a woman or girl as in a man. Or do we look for and expect more foolishness in a woman than in a man?

FOOTNOTES

Dear M'LISS—Will you kindly tell me what will remove marks (caused by placing hot dishes on the table) from a highly polished dining room table?

Will you also tell me if a spot can be removed from a grass fibre rug? C. I. G.

Virtually every expert whom I have consulted in regard to your first query declares that the only really satisfactory way to remove marks from a table made by hot dishes is to have the entire table done over. If your table is a valuable one, this is expensive.

One furniture dealer told me that he had had some success in removing these marks with an alcohol ball—which consists of a ball of cotton or muslin well saturated, but not dripping, in alcohol. This, however, he declares, removes the varnish and polish along with the spot, and unless it is revarnished presents a dull, ugly appearance, just as undesirable as the heat spot. The most practical thing to do, therefore, in my opinion, is to have an expert "do" your table.

If the stain on your rug is fruit juice or a vegetable stain, a "rug" man tells me, disappointingly, that it cannot be taken out, because these stains only respond to a bleach, and bleaches, of course, leave a light mark. Grease, however, can be removed with naphtha, ether, benzine or refined gasoline. Care should be taken to prevent ignition from friction or a flame.

An Offering

I can give not what men call love, But with their heart accept not. The worship the heart lifts above And the Heavens reject not. The desire of the moth for the star, And the night for the morrow, The devotion for something afar From the sphere of our sorrow? —Percy Bysshe Shelley.

A Combination

An odd frock for summer wear shows a new two-cloth combination, rose-colored lawn with white taffetas. The style idea comes directly from Lanvin and already American manufacturers are planning some advance models in this mode.

SEEN IN THE SHOPS



CHARMING CAPE COLLAR

AN IDEA of the dainty things that spring has brought is exemplified in this little chapeau and collar. The first is a jaunty model of Milan hemp straw, made in a smart poke effect, and very becoming. The color is black, but a note of brilliant coloring is noticeable. A huge bow of rose faille ribbon is veiled out at the back of the crown, standing up in big and effective loops. Underneath the sombre brim of black straw, hidden away until the fair wearer tilts her small head upward, is a facing of the same faille ribbon.

The flowers encircling the crown are delicately tinted rosebuds, in natural shades, combined with English ivy leaves. The effect is charmingly vernal, and the colorings include, besides the black, navy, champagne and natural straw color. Price, \$7.

Cape collars are being developed in every possible material, as is shown by this model of sheer organdie. It comes in all white, or white with flesh trimmings. The Walls of Troy motif is hemstitched, with exquisite workmanship, and a touch of hand embroidery adds to the charm. It ripples softly from the shoulders, and is worn with a double looped bow of crepe de chine. The price of the collar is \$2.25. The bow is 25 cents.

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Lingerie Niceties

A pointed bodice, slightly boned, is the shape of the ensemble nowadays. The envelope chemise is trimmed with hand smoking and everything seems rose-trimmed. Pink crepe de chine undergarments have straps and ribbons of black and white moire.

White Woodwork

When you are washing white woodwork—and who hasn't white woodwork in these days of apartments and ivory bedrooms?—put a little bit of turpentine in the water. The gloss on your woodwork will astonish you.

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DOUBLE-BARRELED METHOD OF BLOWING NOSE INEFFECTIVE

By WILLIAM BRADY, M. D.

IT IS curious how so many of us intelligent bipeds don't know how to do the most instinctive things. For instance, a great many individuals actually don't know how to breathe, except passively. Tell them to take a deep inspiration, to fill the chest with air, to breathe in as deeply as possible, and they will make the most ridiculous effort without breathing at all. And only one person in a dozen knows how to blow his nose, a fact which accounts for a good many by cases of middle ear infection, and probably favors the complete development of many a coryza, or head "cold" which normally should have been aborted by natural process.

The right way to blow the nose is a lot easier, though less resounding than the wrong way. The right way is the way the Greek, Italian or Polish laborer does, to wit, one side at a time and that done well—only of course a handkerchief is somewhat useful in this operation. When the double-barreled method is used, as most people use it, there is a congestion of the lining of the nose, and besides a very ineffective cleansing of the nasal cavity.

Likewise there is a right and wrong way to spray the nasal passages, supposing disease makes spraying desirable. The atomizer—not nebulizer—should have a horizontal barrel or tube, never a vertical or upward pointing tip. The nasal passages run straight back from the nostrils to the upper throat, not upward. Hence, in order to spray a cleansing or medicinal solution thoroughly in the nasal cavity you must direct the stream horizontally backward as you direct. If you direct the spray upward it strikes the sensitive roof of the passages and irritates, and does not go far enough back to do any good. A so-called DeVilbiss atomizer, No. 18, is ideal, since it can be completely sterilized by boiling. And different members of a family should never use an atomizer unless it is sterilized.

Here we may say a word about sniffing salt water into the nose. There is no curative virtue and considerable harm in this practice, unless the solution is very weak—never more than a level table-spoon-

ful of salt in a pint of boiled, lukewarm water. But spray it in the nose, do not sniff it in. When anything is drawn into the nose by sniffing there is danger of entering the Eustachian tubes leading to the ears and causing very serious trouble.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

The Reds and the Whites

Please inform me how many red blood

corpuscles and how many white corpuscles there should be in the blood in health.

Interstitial Nephritis

What can be done to remedy or oppose the progress of chronic interstitial nephritis? Is it curable?

Answer—Bright's disease is an arterial disease. By hygienic living the patient should get along comfortably for 15 to 20 years, at least. We cannot give special directions without personal knowledge of your individual case. It is no more curable than gray hair or wrinkled skin. But get it and you may forget that you have it.

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