

THE PLACE FOR AN OFFICER'S WIFE IS HOME—WHEN THE WORLD SEES A PORTRAIT—LETTERS

KNITTING IN PUBLIC IS SHOW, SAYS CHAMPION OF THE NEEDLES

Mrs. Olivia Kindleberger, Who Turned Out Ten Sweaters in Less Than Seven Days, Believes in Working at Home

TO WOMEN who knit two, purl two on the trolley cars and in the theaters, it is discouraging to know that the champion knitter of New York city, and perhaps of the United States—ten sweaters in less than a week is her record—doesn't believe in knitting in public.

Mrs. Olivia Kindleberger, who sounds German but isn't, being the wife of Rear Admiral David Kindleberger, of the navy, and a Norwegian by birth, believes in knitting at home. A woman doesn't accomplish much doing a few stitches here and there, she asserts. What she does is more or less uneven. And this, you'll grant, is the worst thing of all—it's all just show anyway!

Just to let women know that this is constructive criticism and that her own plan of sitting quietly at home with her needles works, before February 1, Mrs. Kindleberger had turned in fifty sweaters to the Red Cross, making this work from November 21.

ALTHOUGH this quite remarkable woman never said so, her success is largely due to applying efficiency to her work. First, she considers it highly important to sit a certain way while she is knitting. A high rocking chair with a pillow at her back she has decided is the best helpmate to turning out a lot of work. She always leans back. Second, she eliminates all lost motion. That is, she knits the old-time Continental way, and doesn't move her left hand. Third, and really most important, she has systematized her work. She goes at it like a business and knits much as a girl runs a typewriter—on schedule.

Her time is divided between her home and her work for the soldier boys. Nothing else enters in.

Mrs. Kindleberger's method seems to be quite an ideal one for the woman who is situated as she is: that is, living in an apartment with a comparatively small family, her husband, a son and one maid to help care for them. If all married women in this class would stick strictly to the business of knitting and not try to lighten it with the

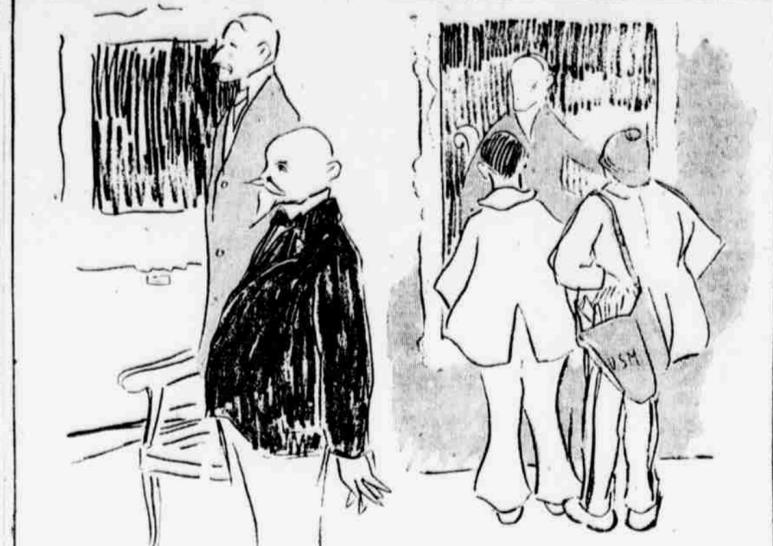
Old Friends
JUANITA
Soft o'er the fountain
Ling'ring falls the southern moon;
Far o'er the mountain
Breaks the day too soon!
In thy dark eyes' splendor,
Where the warm light loves to dwell,
Wearily looks, yet tender,
Speak their fond farewell!
Nita! Juanita! Ask thy soul if we
Should part!
Nita! Juanita! Lean thou on my
ears.

frivol of drinking tea or seeing a moving picture at the same time, perhaps they would accomplish as much as she does. Whether all women could develop the wonderful singleness of purpose is another story. In the daytime Mrs. Kindleberger seeks no diversion while she is knitting. At night—and she knits until very late at night—her husband, who is eighty-four years old, reads aloud to her.

WHEN you have divided off this class of women who knit and the intermediary classes who have less time on their hands, you have left the great class of working women whose only time to knit is when they "take it with them." In the name of the many worthy ones who do this bravely in the street cars in face of the doubting eyes of men, I think it might well be said that here at least is some knitting done in public that is not done for show. I know many employed women whose every sensibility shrank from knitting in public when it first became the custom to do so. Then they overcame the custom of this thing of keeping our fingers warm and the littleness of caring what people think about it when you know the end justifies the means. The result is they knit.

It is true many women fail to knit in their own homes and invariably do so in public. This is undoubtedly show. But when we say show let us qualify the word. There is a large class of women who deserve the benefit of the doubt.

AS THE CROWD SEES SARGENT'S PORTRAIT OF WILSON



"IT DOES NOT SHOW WILSON, THE GREAT MAN, THE GREAT LEADER..."



"DADDY, WHO'S THE MAN OVER THERE THAT EVERYBODY'S LOOKING AT?"

SARGENT'S PORTRAIT OF WILSON WINS ACRID COMMENT AT ACADEMY

Admirers of the President Find Much to Criticize and Little to Praise in Fifty-Thousand-Dollar Canvas

JOHN SINGER SARGENT had only been able to view Thomas Woodrow Wilson through the eyes of the majority of the hundreds of worshippers who are thronging the shrine of the former president of the United States at the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, the famous artist would undoubtedly have achieved the most remarkable portrait of this or any other man.

HOW TO CARE FOR THE EARS

Answers questions on ear troubles, caused by J. H. Kellogg, M. D., LL. D., assistant professor of otology, Johns Hopkins University.

IN CARING for the ears attention should be paid first of all to preventing anything from entering the ear that possibly irritate the delicate lining of the ear or puncture the drum. Tooth-picks, matches, hairpins and ear spoons for the removal of wax are familiar instruments of torture that should be banished.

Boring out the ear with the twisted corner of a towel is a most absurd as well as injurious practice, since it not only does not remove more than a very small portion of wax, but crowds the balance down into the bottom of the canal against the delicate membrane of the drum.

Recent cases of disease, ear wax seldom requires removal, as nature has provided for this. When the ears are itchy or sore, they should be washed with a solution of boric acid in water, which drops from the ear spontaneously. It is only in cases of disease that wax should be removed to such an extent as to be detrimental.

If there is itching of the ears, it is a sign of disease, and the more they are irritated by picking or cleaning, the more severe the ailment will become. The more cautious the attempts to keep the ears free from wax, the greater will be the accumulation of wax, the secretion is increased by mechanical irritation.

Mothers often do their children a great amount of harm by attempts to keep their ears free from wax, which is designed as a protection. The wax is always made to have the same function as the outer parts of the ear, which are covered out with towels and scrubbed with soap and water inside as well as outside. It is a perfectly natural and necessary protection against the entrance of dirt and germs.

The outer parts of the ear may very properly be washed as often as desired, but nothing should ever be introduced into the canal of the ear unless made necessary by disease or accident.

Another danger that must be guarded against is catarrh, especially of the middle ear, which is usually caused by cold. The thickness of hearing due to a common cold in the head is caused by catarrh of the mucous membrane about the openings of the eustachian tubes in the throat. This usually passes away in a short time, but in case of catarrh of the middle ear and pharyngeal catarrh, the condition may become permanent, and the local disease may extend up into the canal itself, even to the point of occasioning very great injury to the ear.

It ought to be generally known, too, that the very common affection called otitis is really a matter of quite serious character, being inflammation of the middle ear, or drum of the ear. Treatment should be prompt, and care should be taken to prevent its recurrence, as the hearing may be thereby permanently injured.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
Scarlet Fever danger
Is there any danger of a child contracting scarlet fever from another child with whom it has played in the past, several days before the latter has been treated with safe treatment to immunize the child if there is any danger of contracting the disease?
W. J. H.

If you mean before the child was feverish and "broken out," no. If you mean after the fever has subsided, the eruption out, the patient with fever and pain has been treated with safe treatment to immunize the child if there is any danger of contracting the disease?
W. J. H.

Practice Self-Control
I frequently have sensations of fear that my breath may be my last, or something of the kind. My heart is excellent condition. Please give me your opinion.
W. J. H.

You probably have a simple neurasthenia and are in no danger. Read "Physiology of Faith and Fear," by Sadler, or "Mind and Work," by Fischer. You must be trained or train yourself so that you can control foolish fears.
W. J. H.

One Chance in Ten
Can mild epilepsy be cured by overwork and nervous breakdown? A man thirty-three years of age has had it about one year. What is normal blood count for a man?
W. J. H.

Mild epilepsy can be cured one time out of ten. It can be benefited more frequently. Overwork may be a contributing though not a chief cause. When overwork is a factor, rest will help. The normal red blood count is 5,200,000 red cells per cubic millimeter; the normal white blood cell count is 8,000.
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Editorials for Women by Women

ARMY OFFICERS' WIVES SHOULD STAY HOME

By MRS. JAMES D. HEYSINGER
(Wife of Colonel J. D. Heysinger, U. S. A., on Duty in France.)

EVERY woman who has a husband "over there" wants to be as near him as possible. I know I planned for months to go to France. Colonel Heysinger sailed on the United States transport Finland June 1, 1917, in command of the Johns Hopkins unit. We had but a few hours' notice, as he received orders from Washington while on leave here. It was a very sad parting in New York, and I could not even know when his boat would sail; but I thought, of course, I would follow him in a few months, for I have always been with him, even during the Samar campaign in the Philippine Islands and at the border.

I just did not stop to consider the inadvisability of going to France, but felt very patriotic in my planning. When I found that the Government would not issue passports to my little daughter and myself I sat down and reasoned it out. With my fifteen years of army life in all parts of the world, and under all conditions I was able to see the sensible object of the Government in keeping all women at home who would not be a help over there. The thought of an experience in the Philippines came to me.

Colonel Heysinger was sent with a detachment of the Twenty-first Infantry to the Island of Tarangan. The Government launch went from our post to Tarangan once a week with supplies. I begged so hard to be allowed to make one of these trips that the permission was finally granted.

Just before we reached the island the engine broke down and it meant working all night to repair it. I was carried ashore, where I was immediately surrounded by natives. In that particular town I had never seen a white woman before. After much worry to every one I was made comfortable on an army cot at the officers' headquarters. It was in an old Spanish church, and rats were running all over the room. The officers had given me their only sleeping quarters so they had to spend the night on the stairway. I used their only knife and fork and ate their most precious food. The fact was I was miserable and every man was tired and unfit for work the next day. Through my insistence and ignorance of conditions I had seriously inconvenienced every one.

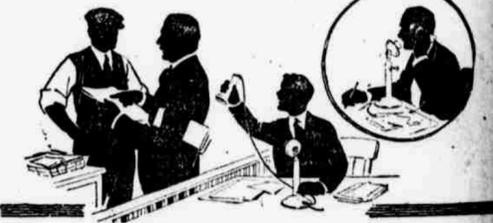
If our women went to France there would be many inefficient officers. Their minds would be filled with the care of a wife, while every speck of courage and strength is needed to meet the war problems so that they can the sooner return to their loved ones. The officers who had their families at the border were worried constantly.

Every man "over there" is hard at work from early morning till late at night, and when the dreadful cases of wounded men, gunshot wounds, pneumonia and, most dreadful of all, the men who have been "gassed," come in, it is comforting to an officer to know that his loved ones are well and out of danger at home. Then he has strength and mind to do his very best.

Colonel Heysinger tells me that I have a man-size job at home attending to our affairs and keeping our little daughter safe and well. To keep well and happy so that you will be able to write cheerful letters from home is going to help much more than to go over to France and be an extra care and burden to your husband. Just to look forward to the day when our men will come home bringing love, happiness and peace is what we all must think about. Each time that an officer who has a wife in Paris gets leave to visit her he cannot help but feel it hard to return to his lonely billet. And straight government rations must seem pretty mean after ordering from a menu.

The Government considered the question pretty thoroughly before denying passports to officers' wives, and I am sure the wives of soldiers will do what is expected of them bravely. We all want to help, and I would do anything to share the burdens of our men, but that is not what is asked or expected of us at this time. Unless a woman is a competent trained nurse or efficient in some capacity that will serve over in France, she will hinder by going over. Any woman with a child has a duty at home, and we will work to do when our wounded come back. Keep your husband happy in the thought that you are safe at home.

Peggy Heysinger



Turn About is Fair Play

Time was never at such a premium.

Everyone is trying to crowd two days' work into one. Mondays have been lost to most business men, and conditions generally seem to be conspiring to break up every accustomed order of commercial and industrial activity. With it all, men of affairs are coming to appreciate as never before that only by co-operating with one another can the problem be solved.

Prompt answering of the telephone is a big factor. If a clerk is asked to "get Mr. Jones to Smith & Co. on the telephone" it's only fair to Jones that he not be kept waiting when he answers. Moreover, when a call comes from him, he properly expects the same ready response that he is particular to make when telephone "callers" come to his office.

Prompt telephone service depends not on the operator alone. If she does her best and a considerate co-operation is not forthcoming, the maximum service effectiveness cannot be realized.

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TODAY'S INQUIRIES

- 1. Who is sponsoring the U. S. A. Women's Overseas Hospital?
2. What official yardage in woolen coats, dresses and accessories is allowed for those who represent the makers of women's clothes?
3. What is a man's duty as a dancer at the invitation of a girl? Is it expected that a man should make a return in the way of entertaining her?

ANSWERS TO YESTERDAY'S INQUIRIES

- 1. A jar drum filled with red and white carnations and tied around the center with a bow of a Marcus Aurelius...
2. Makes of dark blue for the Washington's Birthday party...
3. A tangle of orange blue chiffon over a blouse of the same shade is particularly effective when edged with large black jet beads.

Logical Reasons for Short Hair

Dear Madam—In regard to women cutting their hair, when a woman's hair is cut longer than the hair she is used to, she is more content and consequently more content. Cutting the hair would also have a tendency to make the hair grow thicker.

However, aside from the hygienic standpoint, there are other reasons for cutting the hair. The hair is a part of the body, and it is a part of the body that is subject to the same laws as the rest of the body. It is a part of the body that is subject to the same laws as the rest of the body.

As a P. P. says, when a good husband that would make the hair grow thicker, and the hair would take the place of parting, puffing, pulling and pinning.

Four formal hair styles are especially those who work would appreciate short hair. For those who are annoyed by the hair continually slipping and the hair sliding out of place, which may be a very annoying thing. Then, too, there is the summer time, when the hair is so hot and sticky and sticky and sticky next to impossible to arrange. Now that women are taking more and more interest in their hair, they have some of the conveniences I don't believe would be quite so common.

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As a P. P. said, Irene Castle has bobbed her hair, and I don't think even for her it is a universal custom and not a fad, the daily reader of your column and look to see what the hair classes would have to adopt the bobbed hair.

Benefit Dance Tickets

Dear Madam—Again I come to ask for advice. Next Saturday there is to be a benefit dance for the benefit of the elementary school. There is a boy in the neighborhood who is very poor and who is very sick. He has a very nice boy to talk to and very social. He is very nice and very social. He is very nice and very social.

Dr. Madam—I am a girl of fifteen years of age studying in the elementary school. There is a boy in the neighborhood who is very poor and who is very sick. He has a very nice boy to talk to and very social. He is very nice and very social.

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