



I shall in this column endeavor to answer all correspondence that may be sent and urgently request young ladies to read this column, and any questions that they wished answered please send them in before Saturday of each week.

By Miss MAY CLEMATIS.

Else. Look well always, but don't be extravagant.

E. M. Dress and society often destroy the reputation of girls.

E. T. Discontentment often leads to distraction. While you are doing well be satisfied.

Miss N. Don't have more admiration for other people's homes than you do for your own.

A. M. A good mother should always be respected. She will stand by you when all others desert you.

B. M. Keep your promises always and never make one unless you keep it. Be careful before you make one.

T. T. Treat those well who are good and kind to you. Be careful of your associates. Be positive always.

I. T. Read more good books and cultivate your mind. Let your aspirations be for noble and honorable things.

Rachel. Don't put all you earn on your back. Paint and powder will drive away those who may want to visit you.

Celia. You need never get off the car when you go for a ride. Your actions may be misconstrued. This is an age of suspicion and misrepresentation.

Isy. It is the noble and good girl that will do the honorable thing. There is a great change in the disposition of girls now a days.

Nettie. Don't be won by flattery. The evil minded man will practice such. A weak minded girl will be won by deceptive practices.

Nerrie. Nothing is more noble in a girl than good manners. It is not necessary to be too gay to be admired. Sedateness will carry you farther than anything else.

L. M. A good girl demands respect. Don't talk about a girl because others do. You should know for yourself. If you can't speak kindly of one it is better to say nothing.

Miss R. I. Flashy dresses make a bad impression on the mind of those who pretend to admire you. The best dressed lady is the most simple, dressed one. Patent leather shoes are injurious to one's feet.

I. O. It is a dangerous thing to give up a good salary unless you are certain that you will better your condition. The household is full of young girls lamenting over the blunders of marriage life. There are exceptions to this rule you know.

B. M. A man who fails to lift his hat to you, doesn't respect you. Say nothing but wait until you meet him again. Turn your head the moment he catches your eyes. Gives him an opportunity to catch your eyes and let your actions indicate your contempt for him.

M. Don't be conceited neither do you imagine that you are admired for your looks. Girls are often outwitted with themselves but disconcerting to others. It is better to have the respect and admiration of one true friend than to be carried away by the momentary admiration of deceivers.

L. True friendship can only be found in those who have been tried under all circumstances. True friends do all in their power to please and satisfy the weaker. A true friend will defend you in your absence and will believe in you when you are against you. A true friend will never disobey you nor will he disregard your advice. True friends live to please and not to be pleased.

M. A gentleman will not come to a conclusion that all girls like him. He always best not to accept the hospitalities of young men if you want to retain their respect. Don't respect for girls that are only momentary. She who is always remarks the young man's every company. To preserve themselves on their part is not to be held in any degree.

A. You are the personification of grace and refinement. Your accomplishments are seldom found at all. You have a manner that will necessarily carry you through this world. Be careful and persevere the more that you have been following behind the end you will realize better results. Let your ambition be for womanhood. You deserve credit for what you have done which must be admitted by all who know you. Cultivate grace and there is no doubt that you will realize your expectations.

In talking about "Some People I Have Married," in the Ladies' Home Journal for June, the Rev. D. M. M. says: "Being an Episcopalian I have used the formal printed service of the Prayer Book. In this the great thing is to obey." One day a couple came bringing as witnesses the bride and groom. The bride proceeded smoothly to the altar, but when she was asked to repeat the vows she refused to say the last. I stepped in and waited. Again she refused and shut up my book. Then there was a scene. They talked it over and the more seriously they argued and discussed the more stubbornly she refused. The parson became angry, the groom excited, and the bride hysterical. To humor her

he joined in the request to have me leave it out. But I liked the fellow and decided that a little sternness from me in the present might be a favor to him in the future. So I told them I had no authority to change it and would not do so. I tried to show the foolishness of her objection, but it was no use. Finally, I said to him: "Well, this household must have a head somewhere. I will leave it out for her if you will say it." Then it was his time to refuse, which he did. He gathered up his hat and started for the door when, presto change! she sprang after him, led him back by the hand, looked meekly up at him and said it."

USELESS LITTLE BITS.

In Germany a merchant was recently fined for using a quotation from the Bible as the beginning of an advertisement.

Sara Bernhardt's latest gown is said to have cost \$7,000. It is decorated with diamonds and turquoises and the skins of 200 ermines were required to line the train.

Hetty Green was in Boston the other day and was invited to visit a theater in the evening. The richest woman in America declined, saying she did not have "any clothes good enough."

When Mr. Hare got his first London engagement he was paid ten dollars a week for playing Sam Gerridge in "Caste." A few years later he declined an offer of \$500 a week to play the same part. "Circumstances alter cases," in the copy-book phrase.

Col. Sharpe, assistant commissary general of the army, is a strong believer in the policy of giving soldiers a liberal supply of sweetmeats. "When you give the boys candy," says he, "they don't want to drink whiskey. You never saw an old timer eating candy. I think the men now in the Philippines should have three-quarters of a pound per month each. That's what we are sending them."

STUBBORN FACTS.

The average number of medical students in London is 549.

An acre of growing wheat uses 90 tons of water a month.

There are 1,150,000 civil law suits per year in England; 708,000 in France.

British farmers and gardeners used \$32,000,000 worth of fertilizers yearly.

Europe grows but 27,000,000 acres of maize, against 73,000,000 in the United States.

Twenty-nine thousand five hundred stray dogs are taken up in London streets in a single year.

The letter "y" occurs 23 times in each 1,000 letters in English; in Spanish, 5 times; in French, 2.

If 33 pounds pull move a wagon over wood pavement, a pull of 147 pounds will be needed to move the same vehicle over a newly-graveled road.

British friendly societies have a membership of 1,100,000, and a capital of £13,000,000, against 1,252,000 members of French societies. The capital of the latter is, however, under £6,000,000.

Small Loss. "Oh, sir, please, I have swallowed a pin!" exclaimed a servant girl, running into her employer's study.

"Never mind, Mary," he replied, deep in study, "never mind, here's another," drawing one from the pin-cushion.—Chicago Journal.

Time's Revenge. Wessel—Old Mr. Johnsonhammer is reaping the whirlwind in his old age.

Sinnott—How is that? "He used to have his old trousers cut down and make his boy wear them, and now the boy is five inches taller than he is."—Judge.

As He Defined It. Willie—Pa, what's an "old flame?" Pa—My son, when a man speaks of "his old flame" he refers to something over which he used to burn his money.—Philadelphia Press.

A Voice of Power. She sang. Her voice quite filled the parlor; 'Twas strong, and raised with that intent. It also filled the outside garden— For that's where everybody went.

Jaeger—"I hear that Highend is interested in amateur theatricals." Jumpings—"Well, yes, he is implicated."—Town Topics.

A BOOKISH LOT.

There are now 5,563 books in the Kansas state traveling library.

Motley took six years to write "The Rise of the Dutch Republic."

The heirs of Gerwinus have presented the University of Heidelberg with more than 3,000 of his letters. They form ten volumes, and are supplied with an index.

When Winston Churchill was a prisoner of war at Pretoria he was allowed to take books from the state library. The last one he had before escaping was "Mill on Liberty," and the Dutch, who understood little of it, thought it might have aided in his escape, and thereafter refused its use to any English officers.

Holger Drachmann, the Danish poet, is one of the most attractive personalities in Scandinavia. He is unusually tall and of striking appearance, and has, in spite of his 50 years and his white hair, kept his soul young. He can still loathe and love like a boy of 20—a true vagabond, a roving spirit, who never tamely submitted to the laws of man.

Prof. Joseph Wright is collecting phonographic specimens of English dialects, partly to enable him to check the material for a comprehensive comparative grammar of all the English dialects in the United Kingdom, and partly to hand down to posterity a faithful record of the dialects as spoken at the end of the nineteenth century.

A KENTUCKY HERMIT

Has Not Set Foot on the Ground for Over Thirty Years.

Made a Peculiar Vow and Lives the Life of a Recluse, Although Possessed of Considerable Property and Good Health.

Living in solitude in the eastern portion of Nelson county, ten miles from Bardstown, is one of the most singular characters in Kentucky.

Now in his seventy-fifth year, he has not touched foot to the earth for over 30 years. Basil Hayden, says the Philadelphia Press, is one of the wealthiest farmers in a district composed of 12 counties, and is descended from a family well known in the pioneer annals of the state.

Many of them have also been distinguished in the different lines of life.

One of his brothers, Raymond H. Hayden, for years held a controlling interest in one of the most famous distilleries in the United States. He, too, had peculiar ideas and lived a bachelor all his life, and at last died at an advanced age under singular circumstances.

He was found dead in his orchard a number of years ago, a bottle that had contained poison lying by his side. It was generally thought that he had committed suicide, but there were some who held the opinion that he had met with foul play and the poison bottle was placed near him for a blind.

Basil Hayden, "The Hermit," as he is known throughout the section in which he lives, in his youth was a social leader and very popular with a large circle of friends.

When the war broke out he entered the confederate army and made a good soldier to the end.

When he returned home he found his slaves free and his property greatly damaged. The emancipation of his negroes affected him seriously, and he brooded over it constantly.

He became sullen and morose, declining all overtures at friendliness on the part of his neighbors. He



COUNTING HIS MONEY.

declared that the Lord had dealt harshly and unjustly with him in depriving him of his slaves, and out of revenge he registered a terrible oath that he would never again put his foot to the Lord's ground, and so far he has kept his vow.

Never since the registration of his vow has he appeared without his door, nor will he have converse with anyone save one or two, who are immediately connected with him, and then his words are of the briefest possible character.

His landed interests are extensive, and under the management of a competent overseer yield him a handsome income.

The overseer makes his reports to the queer old man in his darkened indoor retreat, who gives his orders and directions as tersely as possible.

He has never spoken to a woman since his self-imposed exile, nor will he allow one to be employed upon his place.

Now he spends his time within his darkened room no one knows, but it is said that one employment is the counting of money, of which he is said to have a vast amount in gold and silver.

Be it as it may, a Bardstown banker twice a year visits Mr. Hayden, and through him the recluse settles his financial matters with the outside world.

Mr. Hayden is described as a fine-looking man, with a full beard and flowing hair. His confinement has bleached him until he is as white as an infant and his hands are as soft as raw cotton.

He had a sale of mules at his farm recently, and a number of animals were sold at fancy prices.

A large number of people were present at the sale, but never a glance was caught of Mr. Hayden. His instructions to the auctioneer were sent out by the overseer, written in a crabbed hand, and were very direct.

Almost Married Wrong Man.

What would have been a rather serious complication was averted by the presence of mind of a bride at Towson a night or two ago, says the Baltimore Sun. To the best man was given the honor of escorting the bride to the altar, while the groom followed with the bridesmaid. Whether the groom and his best man forgot their positions or both went into a trance, is not known. They did not exchange places, but stood, the best man with the bride and the groom with the bridesmaid, as the clergyman began the ceremony. Then the bride realized that she was about to be married to "the other man" and objected. In a moment or two she got things straightened out and the ceremony proceeded. It was a narrow escape.

POLLY SCARED BURGLAR.

Made Such a Racket That the Day-Light Housebreaker Fleed Without His Spoils.

Words in various languages screamed loudly and hysterically caused several neighbors of Louis Rehwald, a shoemaker of 234 South Grand avenue, Los Angeles, to hasten to his residence at noon several days ago to stop a tragedy or to be in at the finish. The polyglot talking match kept up incessantly, but proceeded seemingly from the same throat, and the debate, or whatever it was, sounded as if coming from the kitchen. A march to the rear of the house revealed a great green parrot in a cage on the kitchen table.



DRIVEN OFF BY POLLY.

The bird was very excited. It jumped up and down, screaming and talking all the while, but none of the Rehwalds were in sight. The neighbors then began an investigation from the outside, which revealed the fact that a burglar had forced the front window with a chisel and thus succeeded in gaining access to the house. He had gathered up a lot of valuables, including several new pairs of shoes, and had stacked his plunder up ready for removal, in a front room, when the idea came into his head to explore the kitchen, probably for eatables.

This action turned out very unfortunately for the daylight thief, as the parrot no sooner espied the intruder than he set up an unearthly racket, which so scared the burglar that he fled precipitately without taking the trouble to gather up his loot. When quiet had been restored the polly became unusually austere and positively refused to give the detective a description of the thief.

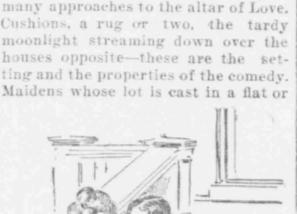
The bird is a big Mexican parrot, possessed of a copious vocabulary as well as a current knowledge of several living languages. The detective addressed the parrot in Irish and Spanish, but his talk had no effect, the bird positively refusing to hold converse with the man from police headquarters, greatly to the surprise of the congregated neighbors, who have an idea that this particular polly is almost superhuman.

POPULAR IN CHICAGO.

Porch Parties of Two Which Invariably Lead to Love-Making and Eventually to the Altar.

"Oh, Jack!" That is all the neighbors hear of the porch party—Chicago's newest, dearest summer fad. What they see of it is what the moon chooses to reveal, plus the line of carriages and the strip of carpet to the curb.

From Cross Point to the Indiana line the front porches of the city, says the Chicago American, are proving so many approaches to the altar of Love. Cushions, a rug or two, the tardy moonlight streaming down over the houses opposite—these are the setting and the properties of the comedy. Maidens whose lot is cast in a flat or



"OH, JACK!"

apartment house whirl away to the summer gardens for an ice and a breath of air. But the girl who owns a set of steps in fee simple or by lease murmurs "no" to the invitation of her caller, drops down on the steps beside him when he has finished squeezing the lemons and hums the honeysuckle song while he is hunting for the right quotation. After that it depends on the size of his salary whether they wait a month or a year.

Crafty bachelors who know of the porch party seek the chairs on the landing, for the man who takes to the steps is lost. Bores and ineligible swallows their root beer in the mausoleum of the back parlor. An invitation to sit on the steps is equivalent to a rating in the family Bradstreet, and the young man who draws the golf cushion ranks with the double A's. Confirmed cynics rail at the groups in the shadows, chanting "Spoon, spoon, spoon," to a certain popular air as they drift down the street. But both Romeo of Halsted street and Romeo of Drexel boulevard catch the same disease, and Minnie O'Connor and Miss Vivian are one in the knowledge that the porch party was a solitaire every time.

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FOREIGNERS OF NOTE.

Jean de Reszke, the operatic tenor, made his will in New York city the other day, and directs the use of a patent device to prevent his being buried alive.

Prince Eugene of Norway and Sweden, the youngest of the four sons of King Oscar, is a painter by profession and spends most of his time in his studio in Paris.

Minister Wu Ting Fang was recently asked for some Chinese music which the band of the University of Chicago intended to practice and finally play at his recent visit to Chicago. The music was sent, but was not played, as it was found that on the copy forwarded the notes read from right to left and could be made nothing of.

Queen Alexandra is a devoted lover of flowers. It is no unusual sight to see her carrying a bunch of flowers which she has herself gathered from the fields and hedges. She frequently goes for long country rambles, especially when the princesses, her daughters, are at home, and the royal ladies invariably return with their arms filled with ferns, grasses and wild flowers.

Cotton Growing in Oklahoma. It is believed by many that the dry climate of southern Oklahoma and the southern district of the Indian Territory is going to make that section the home for the finest grades of cotton.

An item from Dennison, Tex., says: "During the season it has developed that the cotton grown in the Choctaw nation was of an extra good fiber, grading above the average and in great demand for export. A great deal has been shipped to Germany and England. Indian cotton hereafter will command the top price."

"My, the house looks changed some way," said the lady who had moved out a month or two before and returned to make a call and see what kind of furniture the new tenants had.

"Yes," her hostess replied; "we've cleaned it up."—Chicago Times-Herald.

More Than She Meant. "Well, madam," said the doctor, bustling in, "how is our patient this morning?"

"His mind seems to be perfectly clear this morning, doctor," replied the tired watcher. "He refuses to touch any of the medicines."—Chicago Tribune.

His Growing Family. "I had nine children to support, and it kept me busy," said Smith to Jones, as they met; "but one of the girls got married. Now I have—"

"Eight?" interrupted Jones. "No, ten—counting the son-in-law," said Smith, with a sigh.—Tit-Bits.

Antics of an Old Clock. An antique clock, in Calcium, Pa., lately struck one, and almost caused a tragedy. It has been in the family of Mrs. Susanna Phillips for 160 years. While that lady was trying to wind it, the clock tilted forward, falling upon her and crushing her to the floor. An aged invalid, Peter Koller, hearing her screams, crept to her assistance and managed to rescue her.

American Playing Cards Abroad. There are few countries in the world where American playing cards are not found. They are attaining remarkable popularity in the far east, Japan liking them particularly.



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