

# HOME, ITS PROBLEMS AND INTERESTS



### The Real Love Letters of a Real Woman

LXXIV.

My Dearest:  
I am very glad to hear that you have such a good housekeeper. Of course you must keep her. I shall never listen to a word about your living alone for you would be so disgusted with life in general that I am afraid you would do something desperate. I do not care for you to learn to do housework, for you might cultivate ideas so far in advance of mine that we would quarrel over them. You would probably have the dog versed in the art of dishwashing, and the cat educated to test the food when it came from the oven and label it "safe" or "unsafe." Those are the schemes usually resorted to by bachelors, I know, but you must have a cook. I could never bear to think of seeing you with an apron on.

It certainly is a woman's place to run a house, although it is not safe with some to let them go that far, for they would then try to run the man.

The greatest study of mankind  
We used to think was man;  
But in these latter days we find  
That woman leads the van.

Some men are not very apt at learning this. A man may think he knows all about his turtle dove after a few moonlight rambles, but his knowledge of her is not complete until he has seen her in the apartments of her own kingdom—the kitchen, the dining room, the parlor.

Oh, we might be very thrifty,  
With a store of learning plenty,  
Did we know as much at fifty  
As we thought we knew at twenty.

It is a part of a woman's nature to deceive, and we females don't intend that it shall ever be a lost art. There is no reason why it should, for it is very easy to find men to practice on. An old farmer once put green spectacles on his horse and made him eat shavings for grass, and some men are quite as easy game. But I don't see how I can deceive you, for you knew me long before I was old enough to have learned the science. You are just wilfully blind to my faults and if you never come out of it, all will be peace.

Two days more of school and then a week's vacation. I did think some of going to New York for a change, but I can't afford it. I should be like the man that went to the country for a change and rest, but he didn't get it; the waiters got all the change and the landlord took the rest. I must play a very modest tune on my finance fiddle for the rest of this year or the G string will bust. The changing of schools of course cost some extra expense, and then I have increased my deposits in the bank for the past few months. Money is a grand old thing to have, but I shouldn't want it so bad as that young fellow of twenty-four that has lately eloped with a rich woman of seventy-eight. What a fine time he will have spooning and spending her money. Matches are made in heaven, but dipped in the other place. Elopements are getting to be quite the fashionable thing. A horse ran away with a young widow the other day, so I heard in Keith's Theater.

I am lonely tonight, and the minutes seem to lengthen into hours. I hope I do not wound your already stricken heart by my repinings. I have written many things that perhaps I ought not to have, but please remember that everything is going well with me and that my only care is that I cannot be with you and make you happy.

Let me hear from you often for that is, next, to seeing you, the greatest comfort possible for

Your loving sweetheart.



### Time Table for Cooking.

- Asparagus, 20 to 25 minutes.
- Beans, string, 20 to 30 minutes and a little soda to make them green.
- Beans, lima, 30 minutes.
- Beef, corned or a la made, 3 to 5 hours.
- Beets, 4 to 5 hours.
- Brussels sprouts, 10 to 15 minutes.
- Cabbage, 1 1/2 hours.
- Carrots, 1 hour.
- Cauliflower, 20 to 30 minutes.
- Cherry, 20 to 30 minutes.
- Chicken, 10 minutes to each pound; 1 depends on age.
- Clams, cook until they just come to a boil.
- Coffee, 3 to 5 minutes.
- Corn, sweet, 5 to 8 minutes in salted boiling water.
- Cornmeal, 3 hours.
- Eggs, hard boiled, 15 minutes.
- Eggs, soft boiled, 3 minutes.
- Fish, cubical, as cod, halibut, etc., 20 minutes for each pound.
- Fish, long and whole, 6 to 10 minutes or each pound.
- Ham, 5 hours.
- Hominy, fine, 1 hour.
- Lutten, 2 to 3 hours.
- Oatmeal, rolled, 30 minutes.
- Onions, 45 minutes.
- Oysters, cook until they just come to a boil.
- Peas, 15 to 20 minutes.
- Parsnips, 45 minutes in peacock.
- Pigeon, potted, 2 hours.
- Potatoes, 20 to 30 minutes.
- Rice, 15 to 20 minutes.
- Soup, stock, 3 to 6 hours.
- Squash, 20 to 30 minutes.
- Tea, 3 to 5 minutes to steep.
- Tomatoes, 15 to 30 minutes.
- Tongue, 2 to 4 hours.
- Turnips, yellow, 1 1/2 hours.
- Turnips, white, 1 hour.
- Veal, per pound, 18 to 20 minutes.

### Peacock Has Revived.

The present revival of the peacock fashion is a revival in only a limited sense, for never before has the fashion been carried out to the degree of charm seen this season. The existing craze started several years ago, manifested feebly, with a few peacock feather toque hats. Now it gets into everything. Hats, gowns and cloaks in peacock shades are seen. The carefully studied out peacock costume is still a novelty. Buttons and braids carry out the scheme. Some of the newest combs show the whole bird in art nouveau lines across the comb back. Its coloring is brought in countless little brilliant set a the shell.

### Housewifely Hints.

Here is a salad that uses up leftovers: Cook the tough stalks of the celery left from dinner until they are tender and cut them in pieces. When they are cool mix with them an equal part of sliced tart apple, a tablespoonful or two of minced cress or parsley, dress with mayonnaise and serve on lettuce leaves. A few finely chopped nuts may be added to the salad mixture.

When spinach and clear tomato soup are among the remains of a feast, saute a small onion, mince fine, in a table-

spoonful of butter. Add the spinach, stir until hot and add the tomato soup. For about a pint of the spinach and tomato mixture scald a cupful and a half of milk and thicken it with two tablespoonfuls of flour that have been creased with a tablespoonful of butter. Strain the tomato and spinach mixture through a sieve and add a pinch of soda. Keep both mixtures hot and just before serving turn them together and add half a cupful of cream. Season with salt and pepper to taste.

Cranberry jelly may be used up in a frappe. Add a pint of water to a pint of sauce and dissolve over the back of the stove. Acidulate with the juice of a lemon and freeze to a mush.

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### HOLIDAY FROCKS.

Dressy Modes for Young Girls and Children for Christmas Parties and Little Dances.

Pretty clothes are of more import than ever at this time of the year and children's holiday parties and small dances demand many especially dainty frocks and accessories.

A pretty costume is one made from the dainty lingerie dress worn during the summer, altered and freshened and worn over a thin silk slip of some dainty color such as pink or blue. With such a frock hair and sash ribbons of the same color as the under slip should be worn as the finishing touches.

Dresden silks are particularly appropriate for frocks for the young girl who wears her dresses to her school tops. China, India, chiffon, taffeta and lousie silks in plain colors also make pretty dresses for girls this size and even for the smaller maidens. Soft woollens, too, are extremely comfortable, reasonable and dainty. Cashmere and hosiery are the most popular and are much improved in texture.

With these dainty little dresses, white shoes and stockings are worn but it is much more chic to have them to match the gowns. Some fastidious mothers, however, prefer dainty black patent leather slippers, pale or black silk stockings with any dress and sometimes, I think, they are about right.

Young girls should always have their hair arranged in the most becoming fashion and at the same time the simplest possible. Bows of ribbon to match the color scheme of the dress is dainty, but as the shoes and stockings, black is always appropriate, too.

### What Flirting Costs.

The girl who is flirting with half a dozen men has not the time to give any one man the chance to know her, and she is, therefore, losing her opportunity of getting a good husband.

While she is flirting here, there and everywhere with her numerous admirers, the home girl is making herself attractive and indispensable to one man.

He sees how sweet she is in her home life, how her parents and little brothers and sisters love and rely upon her, and the next step is that he imagines her in his home, the mother of his children.

After that he is not long in making up his mind that she is the "one" woman. The mind of a man is an exceedingly queer and intricate thing to trifling with, but as far as a mere woman can venture to form an opinion, these are a few of the qualities he desires in a wife.

First of all, he must love her and not quite understand her. As soon as she does she will lose her charm. She must love him, but not be too prodigal with her love. She must make his home a haven of comfort and peace. She need not be clever, but she must be intelligent.

Of course, he would like her to be pretty, but if she is a sweet tempered and looks intelligent, he can put up with a turned-up nose and straight hair.

In return for all these qualities he promises to care for and protect her as long as his life lasts, and she shall live as a woman's life.

It is an even division; he gives his love and his life's labor; she gives her love, sympathy and care for his comfort.

### Nursery Accessories.

Novelties in these are constantly appearing to tempt the young mother who is desirous of having the best of everything. The hamper bassinets and portable washstands are generally of wicker enameled white with touches of gold. One color is chosen, pale pink or blue, and the linings and curtains of the bassinets are of fine swiss with insertions of Valenciennes lace in special design and bordered with lingerie or lace brills. The hamper has two drawers, and is fitted with a doll pin cushion and pockets for the necessary toilette articles with space for the small belongings, and the lower one for the larger garments.

Dial scales, also enameled white, are fitted with a small white and gold wicker basket in the shape of a rowboat in which to weigh the baby and this is also lined with the chosen color beneath lace.



### PRETTY NECKPIECE.

The shons are filled with pretty neckwear and one may buy charming pieces for a mere song, but there are also many costing fabulous sums, which, if one be handy with the needle may be easily copied. This one has a stock of white embroidered silk with buttonhole scalloped edge top and bottom and finished in front with a pretty jabot of fine white lace attached to the stock with a small fancy buckle.

### Cleaning Brushes.

Valuable brushes, such as those with ivory or tortoise-shell backs, may be thoroughly cleaned by using bran instead of soap and water. The brush is dipped into bran, which must be rubbed into the bristles as one would do soap,

and the particles may afterward be removed by tapping the brush, bristles downward, on the table. The process is somewhat lengthy, but it prevents the bristles from becoming softened as they inevitably must be if wetted. When every trace of bran has been removed, the brush will be found to be perfectly clean, and may then be wiped with a soft silk handkerchief.

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