

Women AND THEIR Interests

What an Accomplished Girl Should Know

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Women are the Jacks-of-all-trades of life. To succeed a man must specialize. It is enough for him to be thoroughly masters one business or profession. But for a woman to succeed as a woman—and being a woman is a profession in itself—she must know something about everything, and have a finger in almost every art and trade at her fingers' ends.

We don't hear the old-fashioned phrase, "an accomplished girl," very often nowadays, but there's just as much need for her as there ever was, and this brings up the question of what an accomplished girl should know.

First, I think, that an accomplished girl should know how to read—not eulogize. Heaven protect us all from the young women who arise in company and recite! There are few greater pests in the world than she, but, on the other hand, there is nothing more delightful than the companionship of one who is able to read intelligently, and sympathetically a passage from some book, or a news story from a paper. This accomplishment is a very rare one. Not one woman in a hundred can read aloud so that you can understand what she is reading about. She doesn't understand it herself, and that's why so few have the reading habit.

Girls Should Be Taught to Write an Interesting Letter.

Second, an accomplished girl should know how to write. She should be taught to write a legible hand, and an interesting letter. Nothing else in the world does more to predispose us in a woman's favor than for her to be a dead letter writer, one who sends us a line of congratulation when good fortune comes our way, or a word of sympathy when sorrow knocks at our door; who writes us a graceful little note of thanks for any courtesy, and who shows that she keeps our memory green when she is away from us by an occasional letter.

Most people are guilty of silences that are nothing but just. It is because they have never been taught how to write a letter, or skilled in the gentle art of notes. No attention is paid to this in the ordinary school, and yet how to write a letter in one of the most important things that a woman can know.

An accomplished girl should know how to talk. Her voice should first be sand-papered and manicured, or whatever is necessary to make it agreeable to the ear. She should be taught how to laugh instead of giggle,

and then she should be taught how to talk. Of course, in its highest essence, conversation is as much an inspiration as poetry; there are two or three great principles that any girl can master that will make her an interesting and agreeable companion. Don't Talk About Yourself. Your Family or Your Amusements. She can't be taught to talk about herself, her family, her little amusements, the places she has been, and to always talk to other people about themselves and their amusements, and their families and their interests. Between talking about my own golf score and your golf record is the difference between being a bore and a brilliant conversationalist.

She can also be taught to listen intelligently, and to think before she speaks, so that she will keep off other people's pet corns, and will not converse with a divorcee about matrimonial infelicity, or ask a one-legged man if he dances the fox trot.

An accomplished girl should know enough music to be able to play and sing sufficiently well for parlor consumption, which isn't highbrow in spite of all that we pretend to the contrary. She should also know how to play a good game of cards, so that she will not be the despair of hostesses, or incite murder in the breast of her partner when she has to fill in at a table of bridge. Talleyrand said long ago that every one should learn to play a good game of whist in their youth, so that they might not pass a miserable old age. Every girl should learn to play a good game of bridge nowadays, so that she may not pass a miserable present as a wall flower.

An Accomplished Girl Must Know How to Make Stew Into Ragout.

Finally, an accomplished girl should know how to cook and sew. What ever else a girl may need or not need to know, she is sure to have use for all the housewifely accomplishments she can attain. If she is rich she will be able to run her establishment better if she is a practical cook herself, and she can come the nearer to getting the kind of effects she wants from her dressmaker if she knows how to make the garment herself. If she is poor, her ability to keep a good table and dress well depends entirely upon her own skill and knowledge of how to cook and sew. It is art that turns a dinner into a ragout, and two dollars' worth of dry goods into a confection, and no woman has a right to consider herself an accomplished woman who can't do this.

It's a great thing to be an accomplished girl, and it requires much knowledge, but the results are worth the effort.

Miss Fairfax Answers Queries

MAY AND SEPTEMBER

DEAR MISS FAIRFAX:

I am seventeen and my most intimate girl friend is fifteen. She is going to marry a man fifty-two. Her mother does not know what to do, as the girl claims she loves him. He is not wealthy, but can give her a better home than she has. Do you think such a marriage advisable? E. M.

Such a marriage is highly inadvisable. A girl of fifteen is incapable of making a choice by which she must divide her life, and a man of fifty-two is old enough to be her grandfather. Just let her stop and think of a simple problem in mathematics. When she is thirty-five, young, charming and at the meridian of her powers, he will be seventy-two. The girl's mother should do everything in her power to stop such an outrageously ill-mated affair.

Democratic Senators Fighting President on Shipping Bill

These are six of the seven Democratic Senators who have rebelled against the shipping bill President Wilson and his administration have been trying to put through for several days: James P. Clarke, Arkansas; Gilbert M. Hitchcock, Nebraska; James K. Vardaman, Mississippi; John H. Bankhead, Alabama; Thomas W. Hardwick, Georgia; James A. O'Gorman, New York.

Most of them were opposed to the government going into the merchant marine business at all. In the first part of the week considerable pressure was brought to bear on them by friends of the President.

The fight of these Senators was the first important contest in which President Wilson had engaged with the members of the upper house. The feeling against him there, it has been claimed by political enemies, has been growing ever since he nominated for Federal offices politicians in various States over the heads of the Senators representing these.

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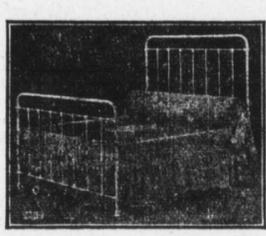
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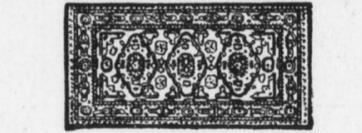
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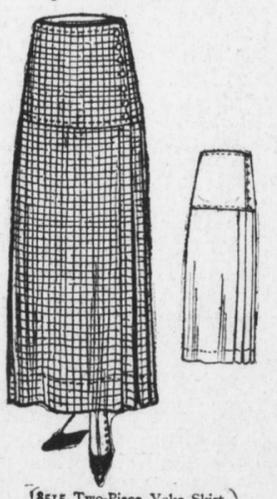
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By **MAY MANTON**



(\$515 Two-Piece Yoke Skirt, 24 to 32 waist.

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PITTSBURGH OIL MEN LEASE 1,000,000 ACRES IN TEXAS

Pittsburgh, Feb. 5.—Joseph F. Guffey and E. N. Gillespie, of this city, have leased the oil and gas rights of the famous King Ranch, of Texas, 1,000,000 acres in extent, and have made arrangements for drilling three test wells on the property at once.

The King lease is said to be for the largest acreage included in a single oil lease ever written in America.

BATTLE OF ARMAGEDDON DECLARED TO BE LIKELY

London, Feb. 5.—A Cairo dispatch to the Daily News says: "Armageddon, on the historic high-way connecting three continents, is passed through daily by Jews and Christians fleeing to the seacoast. A division of the fourth Turkish army is encamped in the immediate neighborhood. The strategic position of Armaged-

don makes it not improbable that one of the battles of the present war will be fought there."

The place referred to in the above dispatch is probably El Lejjun, which by most authorities is said to be on or near the site of the biblical Megiddo, or Armageddon, the scene of the last great battle between the forces of good and evil at the day of judgment.

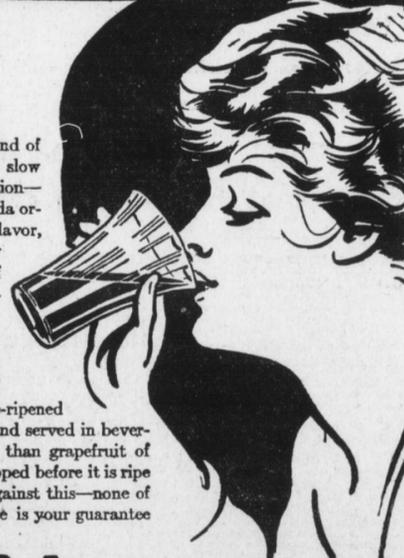
12 ALMHOUSE INMATES OVER 80

Six of the forty-five inmates of the county almshouse who died during 1914 had passed the four-score mark, eight were more than seventy. Just twelve more than 80 years old are still at the institution while there are thirty-two others who have passed the three-score-and-ten mark. Other figures submitted by Miss Eva Davidson, the supervisory nurse of the almshouse in her annual report yesterday

to the poor board were: Four of the 246 inmates are entirely blind while five others are nearly so. There are a dozen epileptics and one is entirely helpless from paralysis. Seventy-one indigents were treated for social diseases and twenty-two minor operations were performed. Ten inmates are receiving treatment for acute rheumatism and eleven for tuberculosis. Because of the recent diphtheria quarantine less sufferers from syphilitic poisoning were treated.

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