

Has the Clinging Vine Wife Gone Out of Fashion?

The author of this letter has been awarded a copy of Francis Perry Elliott's last book, "The Gift of Abou Hassan."

No Beautiful Doll for Him

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Has the clinging vine gone out of fashion? No, she is still hobbling about and clinging on, and as long as she can be "bought and paid for" she will be in fashion. But in this day and age every man can't afford, and doesn't want "a great big beautiful doll."

The woman should be less affectionate and winsome for coming out to battle with conditions that need her. The day is at hand when a woman must be a real helpmate, not a millstone. She has been forced into her position of activity as a bread winner.

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Mission of The Clinging Vine

Merna N. Oakland

When love goes out of style the clinging vine wife will be a thing of the past. A thoroughly loving family, composed of people not afraid to show their clinging tenderness for one another is the type of unified human life we need the most. Love is the one great essence of humanity. Desire for unity is the basis for all genuinely human development and cultivation and inasmuch as every separating tendency hinders pure human development, man, even in childhood, beholds everything through his family life.

and for? Let him take the responsibility he has long been so willing to carry. Then when he becomes tired welcome him to the place where human ingenuity has not yet succeeded in finding a substitute; welcome him home; let him rest in that special center where the deepest loves are garnered up; where the heart fills and brims over with its own happiness and spreads sweetness and fertility all around it.



Cumbered With Things

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There are things innumerable which accumulate in our daily living which are death to wise, simple living. We should rid our selves of the tyranny of things and seek freedom at any cost. "Good riddance to bad rubbish" could be said of most of time's accumulations. The over prudent housekeeper crowds her china closet with crockery never used. Her attic is a curiosity shop, without a valuable gem or a piece of art.

Childhood is made happy by the gifts of picture cards, illustrations of all kinds and books. The veriest gewgaw will please a little child. If a child should decide the possession (or non-possession) of belongings. "For the heart grows rich in giving. All its wealth is living grain; Scattered, all with gold the plain."

Here's What a Man Really Likes in Woman's Dress

Women always look upon a man's criticism of their attire as most presumptuous—that is, when his criticism is unfavorable, says a writer in the New York Sun. Let a man tell a woman he disapproves of something she is wearing and nine times out of ten she will strike him speechless with, "What are men supposed to know about such things anyway?" And there's the question: What are men supposed to know about such things? Apparently nothing!

Women Are Creatures Subject to Evolution

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Woman is a creature subject to evolution. Her status and social environment throughout history show that, domestically inclined or otherwise, changes of mode of life and habit influence and form her nature accordingly. While progression has admittedly elevated the male, it has accomplished vastly more for the female. Women of today are considered the equals of men socially and intellectually, and, who can predict their future accomplishments? Are their rapid strides throughout the commercial world productive of a still higher development, and what is to be the ultimate sacrifice or benefit to future generations?

Why is our divorce rate increasing, and what is its consequent moral effect upon children? What is the cause of the annual increases in the white slave market in our large cities? Whence comes our material for the white slave market, and what is the cause of its annual increase in our larger cities? To what cause can we attribute the increasing development of crime throughout the country? Why do women attempt to seek out for their mates in life men of social and financial accomplishments, often disregarding the qualities of character and principles? What are the hereditary tendencies of their offspring, ushered into the world and reared under such environment? Why are marriages not as numerous as formerly, and why do young men hesitate to become benefactors? Are such changes accomplished for the betterment of the race, and what is to be the ultimate result?

Clinging Vines Scarce

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Why do women work? Voice from the gallery says, "They need the money." True, but never before have they so generally wanted for money and its equivalents as today. In the humble opinion of one mere man, I will tell why. It is because of man's niggardliness toward the sex to which his mother belongs. Consider for a moment the woman who has a capable, provident father, generous brothers, a loving husband and dutiful sons. You will not find her in the market place in order that chivalry and nobility may not disappear entirely from the land.

Society grows stronger, economically speaking, according as the clinging vines become fewer, but from a moral and spiritual point of view, which is my point of view, it grows better only in proportion as the clinging vines increase in number. I believe it is safe to say that clinging vine women are scarcer in America than elsewhere, because with us the craze for material wealth is acute. The European, on the other hand, not only would be scornful at the thought of putting his wife to work, but believes in taking life easy himself. He finds time to appreciate a good book, picture or statue. As a consequence, Europe has her Shakespeares, her Goethes, her Molières, Dante and Tolstoy, while America points to her Rockefeller. Take your choice. The clinging vine sort for me. May she always remain in our midst.

What Uncle Sam Pays Women Employes

What can a woman earn in the United States government service? It all depends on the individual; for the civil service knows neither sex nor race nor hue of skin. It is merely a matter of fitness, though you may hear differently, says the New York Tribune. Women in government service earn all the way from the compensation generally and rather vaguely described as "less than \$720" up to \$2,500 a year. There are 2,384 in the lower class. Inexperienced and unskilled must be the most of these 2,384. As for the rest, the figures are full of interest, 354 receive between \$300 and \$1,000; 462 receive between \$1,000 and \$1,200; 737 between \$1,200 and \$1,400; 292 between \$1,400 and \$1,600; 95 between \$1,600 and \$1,800; 15 between \$1,800 and \$2,000; five between \$2,000 and \$2,500, and only one gets more than \$2,500 a year. There are 186 others who are paid for piece-work.

ing interest. One of these is the fidelity of women workers, who yield neither to the blandishments of matrimony nor to anything else, apparently, when they get on the government payroll. The most steadfast thing in the world is the woman with a job. And now for the proof: There are 2,072 women who have served between five and nine years, as compared with 2,383 who are credited with shorter terms of service, but what is nine years when you consider that 892 women have held their jobs for periods ranging from 10 to 14 years, that 806 have been at it from 15 to 19 years and 530 from 20 to 24 years? That would be proof enough; but it is not all by any means, for 374 women have served the government between 25 and 29 years, 241 from 30 to 34 years, 120 from 35 to 39 years and 42 have been at their desks for 40 years or more.

are patent examiners. Twenty-six experts are paid salaries running up to \$2,000. Two women are classed as "special agents, experts, appraisers and commissioners," and they receive \$1,600 to \$1,800. Another woman is a biologist at \$1,600, and nine are statisticians at similar salaries. There are eight editors and compilers, and these get \$1,400 to \$2,000. Occasionally a woman makes a good law clerk, and five are so classified, one getting the handsome salary of \$2,500. She has recently resigned to enter private practice. Only three are stenographers and typewriters. The government has 27 women telephone operators in Washington, some receiving less than \$720 a year, and one getting \$1,600. Translators do not usually receive very large salaries, but of the eight women holding that position, one gets \$2,000. There are two women listed as general mechanics, three as photographers and 72 as "printing tradesmen." But in all the list of women workers only two come under the head of "cooks and bakers," and their salaries are under \$720 each. But there are 88 "domestics and waiters," 639 janitors, cleaners, scrubwomen and charwomen, 133 "unskilled laborers," and 2,914 "skilled laborers and workmen," besides 24 "female foremen."

At this point one may be sure of finding a general dislike for extremes. There are probably few men who do not experience a justifiable sense of pride when in the company of a woman whose attire is of that attractive quality which bears evidence of good taste and discriminating judgment. Such a woman's dress reflects her personality, and while her clothes may be admired the admiration they call forth is usually secondary and expressed in some such term as "how well she sets off her gowns"—it is the woman first and the gown afterward.

An Easy Way to Make Fragrant Rose Jars

The rose jar is a source of never ending delight to its owner, and making and maintaining one is a simple matter. Rose petals should be gathered in the early morning and tossed lightly on a table in a cool, airy place, to dry until the dew has evaporated. They should then be placed in a stone jar and sprinkled with salt, a little salt over each half inch layer of petals. The contents of the jar can be added to each morning until enough petals have been gathered. They should be allowed to remain in the jar 10 days after the last layer of petals has been added, the whole mass being stirred each day.

MOTOR LUNCHEONS

By Anna Burrows, Director Cautucaqua School Domestic Science

Nothing adds more to the pleasure of motoring in the autumn than the luncheon al fresco, which may be taken in the shelter of a remote bit of woods, under some trees in an inviting meadow or on the seashore sands left solitary and alluring by the departing vacationists.

The well supplied luncheon hamper stowed cunningly away in the car means that it will not be necessary to leave those charming spots which beckon so invitingly along the way for a stuffy indoor dining room in some suburban hostelry. One can get every bit of out of doors that the day affords and enjoy as well a much better luncheon than is likely to fall to one's lot in the out of the way corners of the country.

To simplify the packing of frequent motor hamper some housekeepers find it convenient to set aside a shelf in the pantry, during the outdoos months at least, for picnic supplies. They may keep the sardines, potted meats, bottles of olives and boxes of crackers for emergencies when nothing else is available. But these are of less importance than the paper cups, plates and napkins, paraffin paper and paper table cloths. The motorist as a rule possesses a luncheon outfit of nickel or porcelain in which the paper cups, boxes, knives and forks are contained; but there are seldom enough of these articles for all purposes and the paper cups and plates help out wonderfully.

Besides the sandwich boxes which come with the equipped motor hamper, extra tin boxes and glass jars with screw lids are found very useful for cake, jellies and salads.

Sandwiches are sometimes made in advance, but often it is better to take the loaves of bread, the meat or jars of prepared fillings and assemble them together on the spot. In this case sharp knives are essential. Again the bread may be sliced and tied carefully in its original shape so that the slices will not dry or curl.

It is foolish to remove crusts from picnic sandwiches, although sometimes this may be done when folk are less hungry than at an afternoon tea. Time is wasted by spreading the bread first with butter or salad dressing and then with the meat; rather combine them in suitable proportions and spread them all at once.

Graham, whole wheat or Boston brown bread is usually more appetizing than white bread for sandwiches. Raisin or nut breads require nothing except a thin spreading of butter.

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