

Progressive and Practical Ideas for Women

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BRAINS VS. BEAUTY.

Nature with fine impartiality has distributed brains to man and woman alike. Society has given all its time, thought and effort to develop man's brain, but until recent years has refused even to recognize that woman possesses one.

With equal impartiality though with less lavish hand has nature bestowed the gift of physical beauty. Society accords man the right to be homely, but demands beauty of woman.

A man will be described, as brilliant, efficient, a good business man or a fine fellow. If we note his personal appearance at all it is in no wise to his discredit if he be not comely; but the physique of a Greek god will not redeem him if he be a cad.

Pretty—Or Very Plain.

We say a woman is beautiful, is fascinating, pretty—or very plain. We may add that she is a bright woman but that is in apology for her plainness.

With the personal interest that the public manifests in the private life of a prominent official, the nation is now rejoicing in the engagement of the president. The public is delighted with his choice because she is a beautiful woman. She may have talent, intelligence, and character equal to her beauty but of that they do not inquire, it is the beauty that counts. That serves as an example of the general attitude of society.

Change in Psychology.

And this attitude is serving a unique purpose. Psychologists are pointing out that women, in their fight for equal rights, are changing their tactics and instead of appealing alone to man's sense of justice they are featuring woman's beauty to appeal to his sympathy.

And so we have the strange paradox of feminine beauty being used as a weapon to gain woman's right to be homely.

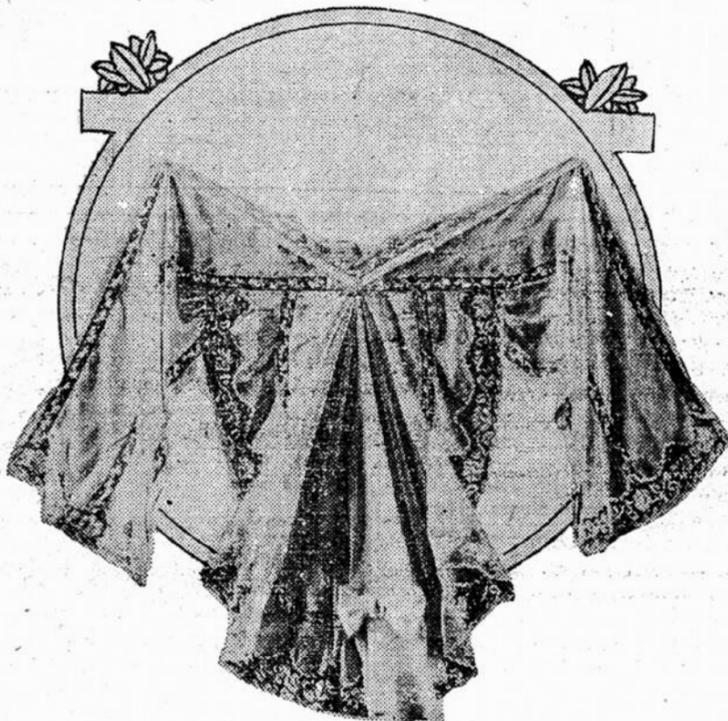
The grain combine may control all our channels to the world market but they will soon be brought to bay.

MISS MARY NAGEL



Miss Mary Nagel, daughter of Charles Nagel, secretary of commerce and labor under President Tatt, has eschewed the pleasures of a society leader for the hard work of a hospital nurse. Miss Nagel, who was prominent socially in Washington and St. Louis, has entered a St. Louis hospital as a first-aid nurse, where she works in apron and cap in the emergency operating room.

A Delectable Dressing Gown For a Christmas Gift



FOR INTIMATE OFF HOURS.

FLESH colored chiffon cloth, val lace and insertion and much patience go into the modeling of this dainty sack, which has a capelike back and many insertions of lace as to front. Dressy as need be, it is loose enough for comfort, hanging in folds from the shoulder and fastening with satin tabs down the front. It may be developed in crepe de chine of any shade becoming to the girl fortunate enough to get it.

HOLLAND PROGRESSING

On November 1st, the government of Holland introduced a bill to revise its constitutional law. This bill provides for an extension of the franchise of its male citizens and for the abolition of the disqualification of women. The passage of this bill will not bring immediate suffrage to all women, as another bill will be necessary to stipulate just how far the right will be extended. But the suffrage workers are confident of winning equal suffrage with men.

JAPANESE EDUCATOR HERE

Baron Ei Ichi Shibusawa, recently a visitor to the United States, is the founder of the first educational institution for women in Japan, and he has given generously of his fortune in furthering the education of his country women. He established the first and only university for women, which now numbers 1,200 students and is a brilliant success.

DR. SHAW TO LECTURE

Dr. Anna Howard Shaw has announced her retirement from the presidency of the National American Suffrage Association at the end of this administration. Her decision is inspired by the belief that she can best serve the cause of suffrage in the lecture field.

SUFFRAGE MAKES GAINS

Another suffrage victory was gained when in a recent convention of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, held at St. Paul, Minn., women members were given equal suffrage with men. Here before women members of the union have only had only half a vote apiece.

A LODGING HOUSE FOR WOMEN

A ten-cent lodging house for women was opened last week in St. Louis by Mrs. Lillian Clarkson West, author and magazine writer. The Gospel Rest Room, is the name of this home which will be run on the cooperative plan and will accommodate fifty girls.

Shop girls, house girls and others whose salaries are not more than \$7 a week will be the regular lodgers and girls who are out of work temporarily or those who have come to St. Louis recently to find work will be housed free. Regular charges are ten cents a night and ten cents additional for dinner in the evening.

Instructions will be given in sewing and cooking, housework and other work that will help the girls in their search for work. There will be a library which they can also use. The idea is to furnish a home for girls under 21 years of age who are supporting themselves on \$7 a week or less.

WOMEN'S WALKING DELEGATE.

By Mrs. G. P. Belmont.

A woman, I suppose, to some of you seems out of place at a gathering of this kind.

If I were the owner of the Bethlehem Steel factory, you would say: "Let us pay close attention. This person manufactures cannon and sharpnel." If I were the walking delegate of a union of mechanics employed by the Remington Arms company, you would say: Here is an individual worthy of respect. He represents those that manufacture the rifles. Let us hear what he has to say."

A Prominent Person.

If I were the head of a big bank, you would say: This person supplies the money that buys the machinery that inflicts death. Let us be polite to him."

I am here to advance the proposition that merely as a war-making machine, a woman has her place here the same as a manufacturer of sharpnel on a wholesale scale, or a maker of armor plate, or a mechanic turning out rifles.

Chief Tool Used in War.

Woman is the manufacturer of the chief tool used in war, namely, man. For every rifle there must be a man manufactured by some woman to pull the trigger and push the shells into the magazine. For every cannon there must be a man of keen sight, born of some healthy woman who gave him good nerves, the power to aim straight amid noise, smoke and death. More important than cannon, powder, dynamite or warships is the war material that the women supply—the soldiers, the sailors, the officers, those that have their statues built in the market place when war is over, and those that lie bleeding to death on the ground when the battle ends.

Women's Walking Delegate

If you would listen patiently here to the walking delegate of rifle manufacturing mechanics, you should also listen patiently, if only for a few minutes, to one who may call herself a sort of walking delegate for the women who manufacture the men that carry the rifles.

Ours is the hard work, the painful work, and the slow work.

You can give an order to Schwab and he will give you a million rifles in three months.

A good mechanic may produce a death-dealing weapon in a few hours of work.

But it takes a woman many months to produce the son who is sent to be killed with the rifle on his shoulder. And it takes her many years of patient care and anxiety to bring him up to the age where he is fit to kill or be killed.

Your factories have hastened the process of manufacturing the weapons that men produce. But there is no hastening of the process that Nature lays upon woman.

Kill and Are Killed.

We are the manufacturers of all time, and it is time for some attention to be paid, when you discuss preparation for war and wholesale slaughter, to the women, who must produce the real machinery of war—the men that kill and are killed.

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