

# For the Fair Sex

### TO INTRODUCE OR NOT TO INTRODUCE

#### A Question Which Puzzles Many Persons Almost Every Day

To introduce or not to introduce. There is a discussion of this subject in a recent magazine, referring especially to the introducing in street, car or in shops. It is often difficult to know just what to do in this matter, for as said in this particular article one girl found fault with a friend because she was always introducing every one, and with another because she never did so. One girl thought the other impolite because they came down town in a car together and her friend talked to a girl they met and did not introduce her. Then, on the other hand, another was complained of because she always introduced persons who merely met casually.

This is a difficult subject upon which to lay down any arbitrary rules, but it is perhaps safer to err on the side of not introducing than that of indiscriminate introductions right and left. Much, however, must be left to circumstances and to individual tact. When two persons are joined in the street or store by a third, an introduction is sometimes unavoidable; but if a woman merely stops to speak to a friend when she is with some one else, it is not really necessary to introduce them. Some women make it a rule never to introduce those who meet in street or car, and a woman once in a while goes so far as not to introduce two strangers in her own drawing room. Others never introduce a friend without asking the other whether it is agreeable. This may be a good rule, but it is not always possible to follow it. The article on introducing already referred to says that a woman should always introduce two women who are unacquainted and happen to be calling at the same time. It also refers to what is called Anglomaniac, which took possession of society some years ago and would have done away with introducing altogether on the theory that everyone who was anybody knew everyone worth knowing. This is mainly nonsense, and there seems to be much more common sense in introducing than not.

The tactful woman in making one friend known to another can almost always think of something to say which will put the two on common ground, or give them a topic with which to begin a conversation. But when two persons are introduced by the mere mention of their names and they know nothing else of each other, there is not much to be said save the usual platitudes. A fund of small talk is not only a gift, but a positive boon, and those who are able to converse solely upon ponderous subjects are never liked to get on socially. Tact is, after all, the saving grace and part of this great gift, or rather an element in it, is small talk. To be able to converse lightly and continually about nothing until strangers are completely at their ease, has concealed many an awkward moment.

Introductions in cars, shops or on street corners are hardly necessary, but a wise woman will know when they are and those introduced will act accordingly. It has been said somewhere that when a man is introduced to a woman outside of a friend's house, it is not necessary for the acquaintance to be acknowledged afterwards. But this must be left to the individual and to circumstances. It is customary and proper to ask the permission of a woman before introducing men to her, but this wise rule is too often disregarded.

*Marie*

### Mainly About People

The Endless Chain Social club will give a card party Monday evening at Central annex.

Mrs. H. S. Cole, of Dayton avenue, and her sister, Miss Neely, gave a very pretty tea yesterday afternoon from 4 until 6. The house was artistically decorated with palms, roses and carnations, and the hostesses were

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Not only are the shops now filled by lovely summer lawns, dimittes, organdies and other dainty thin materials, but there are to be found in the exclusive shops charmingly pretty thin summer dresses and stunning white linen tub and shirt waist suits. These dresses are brought out especially for the Southern trade, which begins almost immediately after Christmas and while they may not predict exactly what next summer's styles will be, still they are the forerunners of the coming fashions and possess any striking novelty that may be contemplated; so that it is always safe to buy these first dresses or to copy the styles they show.

If one's summer wardrobe is to be made at home it is an excellent thing to begin at once on the simple gowns, for they are what are most needed and by the time they are finished the summer styles will be fully established, so that there will be no uncertainty about selecting correct models for afternoon and evening frocks.

As during the past few years white linen of every known weave will be the

assisted by about twenty of their intimate friends.

Herr Grunow, German consul, and Frau Grunow-La Combe were at home to their friends yesterday from 11 to 2 to celebrate the birthday of the kaiser. Herr Grunow appeared in full uniform, and the rooms were prettily decorated. Last night the consul and his wife gave a dinner party. There were twelve guests.

Mrs. G. H. Ranney entertained informally yesterday afternoon in honor of her guest, Mrs. John N. Speel.

Mrs. D. M. Dyer, of Nina avenue, gave a bridge party yesterday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Guiterman, of Nelson avenue, have returned from the East.

Mrs. Robert White, of Fort street, has returned from Canada.

Mrs. Moore, of 503 Aurora avenue, entertained the Clover Leaf Enchans club Wednesday afternoon. High scores were won by Mrs. Steinkamp, Mrs. Martz, Mrs. Wodenbury and Mrs. J. Achterling. Mrs. Becker, of 936 Aurora avenue, will entertain next.

Holds Murderess Irresponsible  
HOOSICK FALLS, N. Y., Jan. 27.—If he fails to sustain the commutation of the sentence of Mrs. Mary A. Rogers, the Vermont woman who has been sentenced to be hanged Feb. 3 for the murder of her husband, counsel for Mrs. William J. Bickensderfer, of Stamford, Conn., who has headed the movement to save Mrs. Rogers' life, will ask a stay of execution to take the case to the supreme court of Vermont on an appeal. Charles A. McCarthy, the counsel, said that Mrs. Bickensderfer would issue a last appeal to the women of the United States for aid. This appeal sets forth that owing to Mrs. Rogers' mental and moral depravity, superinduced by reason of congenital influence, she is not morally responsible.

After Six Centuries  
ROME, Jan. 27.—Excavations due to the initiative of the mayor of Andria, have resulted in the discovery of the tombs of the wives of the Emperors Frederick II—Yolanda of Jerusalem and Isabella d'Angleterre. The tombs are remarkably fine examples of the art of the thirteenth century. Frederick II, king of Sicily, was grandson of Frederick I, Barbarossa, of Germany, and son of the Emperor Henry VI. He reigned from 1215 to 1250, when he was deposed by his subjects.

GOSSIP FROM GOTHAM  
"Aida," always an attractive card, was sung at the Metropolitan Friday night, and the usual brilliant audience resulted in the discovery of the hung over the parterre floor and there was much visiting. Perhaps the distinct feature was the appearance of a number of society women in the foyer. The house was stifling, and the heat drove them from the boxes. As they strolled around the semicircle in their

first choice for morning, simple afternoon and general sporting dresses. The majority of these gowns are all white and the handsome ones are embroidered, but some of the new models are trimmed slightly by some bit of color of a soft, dull tone. The gown illustrated, for instance, is shown in both all white and white trimmed with dull sage green. It is of course white linen and is made with a nine gored skirt with clusters of plaits let in at the bottom of the alternating goes, which are headed by diagonal stitched bands and buttons. On the all white gown the buttons are of pearl, but on the other they are of linen-embroidered with green floss and the band is edged with an embroidered line of the same. The blouse is made with two let in clusters of plaits on either side of the front, trimmed to correspond to the skirt, and has a turn-over collar edged with simple embroidery. There is a dicky of all over embroidery and the sleeves have let in plaits and deep cuffs.

The hat is also of white linen encircled by a wreath of crushed roses, which may be of any desired color. magnificent evening gowns they made a superb picture. Each woman had at least two men in her train, and in the case of Mrs. George Gould there were five. Every man for the first time this season. Mrs. Egerton Winthrop Jr. wore a dress to appear. She wore pink satin with an immense black bow. There are some who maintain that the former Miss Heckscher is one of the prettiest matrons in the horseshoe. Her guest of the evening was the lively Miss Kate Brice, who wore rose pink and white satin, and who seems to be taking on more flesh every day.

Mr. and Mrs. Rutherford Stuyvesant had as their guests Mr. and Mrs. John R. Drexel. It is often possible to carry a gown over from one season to another without attracting attention, but when they are such striking costumes as Mrs. Charlie Oelrich's brown velvet walking dress or the marvelous creation Mrs. Drexel wore at the opera that night, this is impossible. The moment she came into the box I recognized the nasturtium-red chiffon velvet as a gown I favorably commented on last winter. It made Mrs. John appear no less lovely and her string of pear-shaped pearls and huge diamond ears added to her well-preserved beauty. Anyway, it was no gown—as attractive as a Florida sunset—that caused the most comment, but rather the absence of Willie and the presence of John. It is indeed refreshing to see husband and wife together. Mrs. Stuyvesant made and exceedingly youthful appearance and wore no jewels.

On the other side of the house Mr. and Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt and Mr. and Mrs. Willie K. Jr. attracted most attention. They were decked out for the Sloane ball, and patrons of the opera had an opportunity to see some of the splendid jewels of the house of Vanderbilt. Birdie was never still a moment, and so her beautiful diamond collar fairly scintillated. She carried something novel in opera glasses—a combination opera glass and necklace case. The Mills trio made a dainty appearance. Beatrice wore violets, Gladys orchids and Magna roses. Miss Gladys Vanderbilt appeared with the dowager Mrs. Robert Goetz, a fact that may or may not be significant. Mrs. James Watson Gerard is one of the most attractive young matrons of the Friday night assemblage. She had Mrs. Stuyvesant's fish with her. The Bobby Goetz had the Austen Grays, and after 10 o'clock the Douglas Robinsons arrived in their box. Mrs. Bobby wore an immense boa. Instead of leaving it in the dressing room she carried it into the box and laid it on the rail. She caressed it until she had it in the desired position—one end hanging down over the orchestra pit. I think she had the other end on her knee—anyway, it proved a great card. If she were as homely as some women in the parterre circle these little advertising "stunts" would not attract.

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## SUCCEEDS AT START

### New French Premier Wins the First Round

PARIS, Jan. 27.—The Rouvier ministry held its first council today under the presidency of President Loubet. Premier Rouvier submitted his declaration of policy, which was approved. Later the premier presented the declaration to parliament. It follows the policy of the late Premier Combes, the main features being an income tax, the separation of church and state, working men's pensions and a reduction of the term of military service. The declaration condemns the system of secret reports of the lives of army officers, which brought about the downfall of the Combes cabinet. During the debate Mr. Rouvier said, relative to the separation of church and state: "Separation was not a part of the original programme of the Combes cabinet, but only arose through peculiar circumstances. If separation is made in the sense of liberty it is well that we should realize it. If we could guard the liberty of conscience of Catholics, we would like to consummate this plan. The government will not oppose discussion of this subject, but would prefer to consider first the income tax."

M. Delcasse, amid constant interruptions from Socialist members, replied to criticisms of the government's attitude regarding the Franco-Russian alliance, contending that it had been greatly beneficial to France. A motion placing debate on separation of church and state immediately after the income tax was rejected by a vote of 425 to 61. M. Sarrien then moved a general vote of confidence that the government would realize the reforms declared in the programme announced by Premier Rouvier, which was carried, 419 to 107.

ROME, Jan. 27.—Premier Rouvier's statement has produced a moderately favorable impression at the Vatican, as it is construed as indicating that the course of the French government toward the religious associations will be less harsh than that of Combes.

## DODGE-MORSE CASE YIELDS INDICTMENTS

### A. H. Hummel, New York Lawyer, Is One of the Accused

NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—Indictments in connection with the Dodge-Morse divorce complications were handed down today against former Justice of the Supreme Court Edgar L. Fursman; A. H. Hummel and Benjamin F. Steinhart, of the law firm of Howe & Hummel; Edward J. Bracken, a detective said to have been employed by the firm; Charles F. Dodge, the former husband of Mrs. Morse, and several other persons. The indictments against Hummel and Steinhart are two each for subornation of perjury and one each for conspiracy. Against Fursman, Dodge and Bracken are one indictment each for conspiracy. The alleged subornation of perjury consisted in inducing Dodge to make an affidavit that he had never served with papers in the divorce case and also to swear to the same effect before Referee Hall. The alleged conspiracy consisted in an alleged attempt to defeat the ends of justice by having a marriage set aside illegally.

Stone a Vice Consulate  
BREST, France, Jan. 27.—In a strike manifestation here today on the part of the dock laborers paving stones were thrown at the Russian vice consulate, causing some damage.

## CALL FOR DUTY ON AMERICAN LUMBER

### Canadians Are Tired of Seeing Tariff Benefit One Side Only

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WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 27.—When the revision of the tariff is brought before congress—whether it be at an extra session to be called next fall, or at the regular session in December next—the duty on lumber will certainly come up for serious consideration as it did in 1897. The lumber interests of the Northwest are looking forward to this and are prepared to make a bitter fight against reduction of the duty.

When the Dingley tariff was in preparation the Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Washington interests stood united against free lumber, and there was a lot of opposition to be overcome. Many Republican members of the house argued that there would be just as much Canadian lumber imported as to what the Canadians think about our lumber tariff. The Board of Trade of Vancouver, B. C., recently adopted a strong resolution calling on the Dominion authorities to impose a duty on American lumber equal at least to the duty which this country places on lumber from Canada and other foreign countries. A copy of this resolution follows:

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the boards of trade in the province, asking for their indorsement; to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, to the cabinet ministers and to the members of parliament of British Columbia. —Walter E. Clark.

Incident in Cordage  
TRENTON, N. J., Jan. 27.—Chancellor Magie today filed in the court of chancery an order appointing Dick S. Ramsey and Frederick K. Day receivers of the Standard Rope and Twine company, which was organized in 1895 in connection with the reorganization of the United States Cordage company. The application for a receiver was made by George W. Montgomery, of New York, vice president of the Standard company. Mr. Montgomery places the liabilities at \$1,300,000, in addition to outstanding bonds and stock.

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