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The Housewife - AND - Her Activities

THE LONE LAMP

Sometimes on one lone lamp we gaze,
That stars the midnight with its rays,
And wonder what the torturing cares,
The agonies and fainting prayers,
That keep that lonely lamp alight
Amid the desert of the night,
Yet, spite of questioning, in vain
We strive to read another's pain:
Each life within itself is sealed,
Nor can to others be revealed;
One Mind alone, that dwells apart,
Can read the secrets of the heart.
—H. R. Pyatt.

HAVE YOU A ROW TO YOUR HAIR?

Edwardian and Victorian influences are tying everything into lockstep in the newest hats. Big smashing bows, medium sized bows covering the entire tops of hats makes more and more bow news. And what gives this fashion a real kick is the choice of ribbons—pilot edged, checked, plaided, striped, dotted, ombre—all with loads of color and most often of raffia. But wide and narrow velvet ribbons are another repeated choice of designers, the rich plaid adding to the color value, and contrasting with silken flowers.

IN DEFENCE OF FEMINE VANITY

Whatever our views on film star faces, the mass cult of beauty which has developed since the war has, on balance, been a contribution to the national health. True we have passed through some dangerous phases. Plenty of young women ruined their health when the skeleton silhouette was fashionable. But out of those early excesses has emerged some real commonsense. Young women still "diet," but they diet with a difference. Whole-wheat bread and butter, fruit and milk have replaced the bun and cup of tea or coffee of a few years ago. Business girls are vitamin-conscious. The coveted physique is not emaciated, but lithe and taut with healthy vitality. Women are realizing that good looks can not be bought in tubes and jars, but that they are the result of observing the laws of health, of which the law of cleanliness is the greatest. The personal vanity which takes nearly every young woman to the hairdresser's once a fortnight to have her permanent wave set with

Staying in Love With Husbands / Dorothy Dix / Romance Soon Wears Away

Married Life Cannot Remain One Long Period of Romance—After a Time it Settles Into a Friendship That Should be Jealously Guarded

A woman asks this question: "Why can't we wives stay in love with our husbands? Now take me, for instance, and I am typical of the great majority of married women," she goes on to say. "I have been married ten years. When I was first married I was so much in love with my husband I could pass a perfectly thrilling evening just sitting looking at him while he read the newspaper. I enjoyed nothing more than spending hours preparing him the things he liked to eat. I got a kick out of being a valet to him and handing him his clothes as he dressed, no matter if he noticed that I was doing or not. And my blood boiled if he even so much as looked at another woman."

"Now when I look at him as he sits opposite me on an evening, I only notice how fat and bald he has got, and how tired I am of hearing him tell about what happened in the office, I don't bother to cook extra dishes for him. I have quit laying out his clothes for him, for I say to myself, he knows where they are and is just as able to get them as I am. And as for jealousy of other women, why, he can hire 'Miss America' for his private secretary for all I care."

"Now my husband is no Don Juan or brute. Technically I have no fault to find with him. He has been good and kind in his way, yet somehow I have just fallen out of love with him. Why is this? Why is it when I once was, now I resent my chains?"

Men don't bother so much about their emotions. They don't sit with their fingers on their purses counting their heartbeats. Most of them get over being bridegrooms normally and, unless otherwise disturbed, never find out that they are no longer romantically in love. But it is the curse of women that they want to go on feeling like brides until they are 90, and it simply can't be done.

These deluded souls do not realize that romantic love does not last any longer than their wedding veil, nor will it any more stand the wear and tear of everyday use. Nor do they comprehend that it is no sign that they do not love their husbands because they have ceased to see them as Fairy Princesses. It is only when love settles down into a glorified friendship after marriage that there is any peace and comfort in it.

That marriage should fail at times upon every husband and wife is also inevitable. We all go into every new enterprise with an enthusiasm that peters out a little as we encounter the difficulties and the drudgery and the disappointments. All of us at times wish we had chosen some other way of life than the one we are following. All of us are tempted to throw up our hands and quit. All of us feel that no job could be as dull and monotonous and hard as the one we have undertaken.

But these are momentary moods with most of us. They pass, and we know that the work to which we have set our hands is our work; that in it we find a happiness and a satisfaction that we could find nowhere else. That is the way with marriage with the great majority of men and women. Their mates may not come up to a 1 of their ideals; they may not be the glamorous figures they thought they were marrying; but they are a part of their lives just the same.

No one will deny that there are husbands and wives who do fall out of love with each other, but I think most of them who have ceased to care for each other have diagnosed their symptoms wrong. Because they have ceased to thrill is no sign they have ceased to love. DOROTHY DIX

A Morning Smile

Two men were discussing a naïf who was walking in front of them—"A great want!" whispered the one to the other. "Ay, the want of a siler," replied the naïf.

THERE'S VISION
Young Douglas had reached the age of seven, when he was promoted to the dignity of having a room to himself. His parents had furnished it with a great care and showed it to him with no little pride and satisfaction. Douglas viewed it in silence.

"Now, son," said his father, "this furniture is of the best. It will last you a lifetime."
Still Douglas kept silent.
"Don't you like it, Douglas?"
"Oh, yes, I like it. But how do I know my wife will like it?"

Modern Etiquette

(By ROBERTA LEE)

Q. When there is some item on the menu which one does not understand, is it all right to ask the waiter what it is?
A. Yes. Only a timid person would hesitate to do so.
Q. What should a person say when being introduced to someone whom he has met previously?
A. "I think I met Mr. Marshall several months ago."
Q. It is proper for one to use a telephone to acknowledge receipt of a gift?
A. No, it is not good form.

THE ONLY TERROR!

Story of a World Dictator

By H. C. WELLS
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CHAPTER XXXIX NEED FOR A CAESAR

In a few short years the multitudinous common man throughout the earth had to make what he could of a stupendous fact, of which he had had no previous warning: Rud, the World Trustee, and Rud being himself, as indeed he always alleged, no more than a common man, had also, with scarcely more preparation, made what he could of himself. The mystical personification of himself as the universal common man was the only interpretation that had occurred to him, and for a time he clung to it.

He would like to have said to mankind, "I am just myself in a concentrated form, and that what seemed good to him was necessarily good for them all, yet more and more did Rud make it clear to him that the pervading infatuation of his fellow-creatures demanded no such mystical and incomprehensible identification. He refused to live in him, they kept themselves to themselves, but they were with a rapidly diminishing reluctance Rud allowed a sympathetic yet heroic version of himself to clear up in the public mind. And as this objective version was established throughout the world, it brought conviction to himself. Existing in reality as he was, he ceased to be that universal man of his profounder speculations and instead he became merely the greatest and most greatly advertised of men.

Norvel, like so many of the group at their respective growing rapidly to the scale of his occasions. He was getting a firmer and more comprehensive grasp upon the social aspects of the world problem, and he was gathering round him a school of colleagues who shared ideas and purposes with him. It was no longer a mere exchange of financial network practically free from speculative corruption, and to the scientific reorganization of the world. The war of the world, who were now, among other innovations, manufacturing oil and restocking agricultural workers at the rate of a hundred a week.

Norvel had observed the decadence of the newspaper, in the days before the war, and he had decided to become a mere daily entertainment and bazaar display, he had developed and dominated the world-wide distribution of cheap books, and he had acquired a very extensive mass of experience with all the new and multiplying appliances for mental stimulation and exchange by cinema, radio, microphotography and the like. He had organized an efficient world survey of schools and colleges, and he was now in a position to remodel, multiply and expand them as he chose and so far as the available material would permit. That was a tremendous task. The Revolution had indeed crippled the power of business in general, and it had done little to equip the mind of the emancipated. For the purposes of a world community, he found the world even in its most progressive regions, thin and uneducated, and he was dismayed. Quite as much as Roots and Holbank, who had realized the limits set to vegetable growth by soil insufficiency, he found he had to begin the new crop of humanity from the ground upward.

How Can I???

(By ANNE ASHLEY)

Q. How can I remove a scratch from walnut furniture?
A. Cut a walnut or a Brazil nut kernel in half and rub the scratch vigorously with the fresh-cut nut. The oil from the kernel will refresh the wood.
Q. How can I prevent lumps of flour from forming when mixing batter?
A. Add the salt to the flour before wetting. Then pour flour into the liquid, instead of liquid into the flour, and beat it with a fork. In this way lumps will not form.
Q. How can I insure a smooth cover on my ironing board?
A. Tack the cover on the board while it is wet and it will be smooth and tight after it has dried.

Household Scrapbook

(By ROBERTA LEE)

Woolens that Scratch
To prevent woolen garments from scratching when worn, add a few tablespoons of glycerine to the last rinse when washing them. Always be sure that each water is the same temperature when washing woolens, as the change from warm to cold water that shrinks them.

Identifying Mushrooms
Mushrooms may be identified as follows: If a little salt sprinkled on the gills turns them yellow, they are poisonous; if it turns them black, they are good to eat.

Cod Liver Oil
If a spoon is first wet with milk, the odor of cod liver oil will not cling to it.

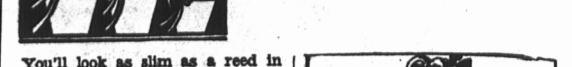
THE COOK'S CORNER

Pineapple Relish Salad
1 pkg. lemon jelly
1 cup weak vinegar
2 cup water
1 cup hot water
1 cup crushed pineapple
3-4 cup chopped nuts
1 cup sweet pickles

Method: Dissolve the jelly powder in the hot water and stir until it is very smooth. Boil the sugar and the vinegar, make sure that it is mixed, and then add a syrup that will spin a thread from the tip of a spoon. Add this to the jelly and set aside until it begins to thicken. Drain the pineapple very thoroughly. If you don't, there will be too much liquid for the jelly to set. Add this and the well drained, chopped pickles and the chopped nuts. Mix lightly, then turn into small moulds which have been oiled and rinsed with cold water. Chill perfectly firm, then unmould on lettuce and serve with salad dressing.

The dessert is one of those pies with a cookie crust, and you can bake this the day before. If you want to, and fill it just as you are ready to serve it. But don't put the filling in until you are ready, or it will make the crust soggy.

TIMELY TIPS - FOR THE - HOME SEWER



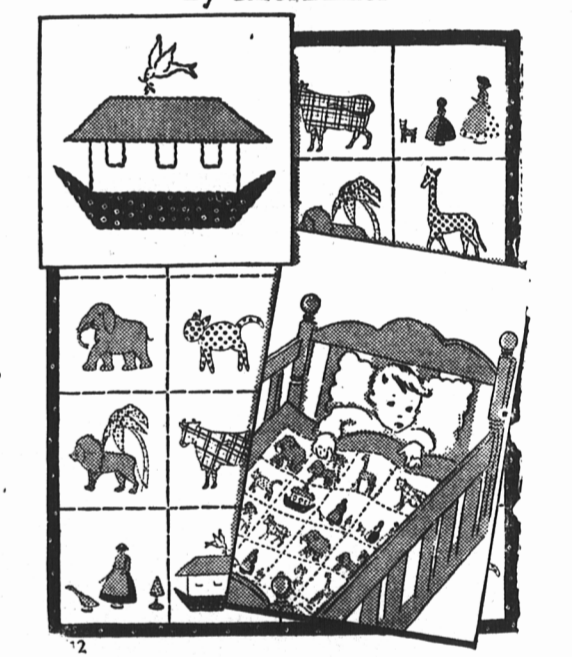
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